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REVISION OF WFP'S FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND GENERAL REGULATIONS

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**OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP OF THE WFP EXECUTIVE BOARD
ON THE REVISION OF THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS
AND THE GENERAL REGULATIONS**

WORK PLAN

Date*	Action
October 1996	WFP completes draft revisions of General Regulations, ¹ Financial Regulations ² and Financial Rules. ³ EB.3 requests Working Group to review drafts and submit its proposals of draft revised Financial Regulations to FAO Finance Committee and ACABQ for advice.
Late November - 1st half December 1996	Working Group meets to work on draft revised General and Financial Regulations (after the World Food Summit).
2nd half December 1996	WFP, on behalf of Working Group, submits to FAO Finance Committee and ACABQ draft revised Financial Regulations for advice and draft revised General Regulations and Financial Rules for information.
January 1997 (28 - 29 January) - February 1997	FAO Finance Committee and ACABQ review draft revised Financial Regulations.
March 1997	Working Group meets to review draft revised General Regulations and Financial Regulations, together with the advice of FAO Finance Committee and ACABQ.
April-early May 1997	WFP's Executive Board reviews and approves (if so decided) revised Financial Regulations and draft revised General Regulations.
May 1997	WFP submits to the FAO Council and ECOSOC revised General Regulations for their respective clearance (Financial Regulations need no further approval).
June 1997 (3 - 12 June)	FAO Council reviews revised General Regulations for endorsement and subsequent transmission to FAO Conference.
June-July 1997 (23 June - 25 July)	ECOSOC reviews revised General Regulations for endorsement and subsequent transmission to United Nations General Assembly.
November 1997 (17 - 20 November)	FAO Conference (29th Session) reviews revised General Regulations for approval.
Sept.-Dec. 1997	United Nations General Assembly (52nd Session) reviews revised General Regulations for approval.
1st January 1998	WFP implements revised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Regulations; - Financial Regulations; - Financial Rules.

* Except for completion of draft revisions, the dates are those of meetings. It is evident that relevant documents need to be finalized before the meeting, in time to enable translation and distribution.

¹ General Regulations: Arrangements and procedures for the establishment and operation of the United Nations/FAO World Food Programme as endorsed by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and the Council of FAO and approved by the United Nations General Assembly and the FAO Conference.

² Financial Regulations: Regulations established by the Executive Board to govern the financial management of the World Food Programme. (refer to General Regulation 29 (e)).

³ Financial Rules: Rules established by the Executive Director, consistent with the Financial Regulations, to ensure effective financial administration and the exercise of economy. Those rules are circulated by the Executive Director for information to the Executive Board, the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.



