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# ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA



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## SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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#### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Executive Director has prepared and circulated the provisional agenda (WFP/EB.2/97/1) which is based on the programme of work of the Executive Board for 1997, approved at the Third Regular Session of 1996 (WFP/EB.3/96/11). The Executive Board may amend the provisional agenda by deleting, adding or modifying any item.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt the agenda with any amendments it deems desirable.

#### 2. Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the rules of procedure and methods of work adopted by the Board in 1996, the Executive Board may wish to appoint from among its members one Rapporteur for its Second Regular Session.

#### 3. Policy issues

In accordance with the Executive Board's programme of work for 1997, approved at the Third Regular Session of 1996, the Board will have before it, for its consideration and guidance, the following documents:

a) WFP support to countries in establishing and managing national food assistance programmes

The document presents recommendations on how the Programme may provide support to countries in establishing and managing their own food assistance programmes, as indicated in WFP's Mission Statement.

b) Report to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on the followup to its resolution 1995/56 - Strengthening of the coordination of emergency and humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

The document contains information on the follow-up to the Board's decision relating to ECOSOC resolution 1995/56, taken at its Third Regular Session of 1996 (1996/EB.3/4). In this document, the WFP Secretariat outlines the process for following up on the ECOSOC resolution, and the issues and draft recommendations covered by the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) process.

c) <u>Progress report on the Revision of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UNHCR</u>

A report on the progress made towards the revision of the MOU with UNHCR is presented, as requested by the Board in its decision 1996/EB.3/4.

d) Progress report on the implementation of WFP's commitment to women

The document discusses the Programme-wide action taken, the achievements, and the five main strategies to address the future challenges to integrate gender equity and empowerment of women in WFP-supported activities.



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### 4. Governance matters: Report of the Open-Ended Working Group on the Revision of WFP's General and Financial Regulations

The Board will have before it, for consideration, the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Revision of WFP's General and Financial Regulations, including the proposed WFP General Regulations and Rules. The Board may wish to provide guidance on the proposed draft and approve a final text for consideration by the ECOSOC and the FAO Council.

#### 5. Evaluation reports

The following evaluation documents, submitted under this item, are for the Executive Board's consideration. The Board is requested to take note of the reports, and comment upon and endorse the Secretariat's plan to integrate the recommendations and lessons learned into the future work of WFP:

Ex-post evaluation of the impact and sustainability of selected WFP-assisted projects in China (May - June 1996)

Evaluation of WFP Emergency Relief Operations in the Caucasus/CLAU Operation

Thematic evaluation on forestry projects in India - Food aid and tribal people

Thematic evaluation - Case study on WFP phasing-out experience: Brazil

#### 6. Country Strategy Outlines

The Executive Board's views are invited on the following Country Strategy Outlines:

Senegal

Zambia

#### 7. Development projects

#### a) Development projects for Executive Board approval

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it, for approval, the following proposed development projects exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority for approval:

China 5717 - Integrated agricultural development in Haidong Prefecture, Qinghai Province

Sudan 531 (Exp. 3) - Assistance to primary school students

#### b) Budget increases for projects approved previously, for Executive Board approval

Under this item, the Board will have before it, for approval, the following proposed budget increases exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority for approval:

Ethiopia 4929 - Improving education through school feeding

Morocco 2288 (Exp.4) - Feeding in rural primary schools - second tranche: education of rural girls



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#### 8. Protracted refugee and displaced person projects for Executive Board approval

The Executive Board will have before it the following proposed protracted refugee and displaced person projects (PROs) exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority for approval:

Kenya 4961 (Exp.3) - Food assistance for Somali and Sudanese refugees

Mali Regional

Sierra Leone 5802 - Targeted food assistance and support to resettlement of internally displaced persons in Sierra Leone and of returning Sierra Leonean refugees

#### 9. Reports submitted by the Executive Director: Progress reports on approved projects

The Executive Board will have before it, for consideration, the following progress reports on projects which have been in operation for two years or longer:

Nepal 5324 (Exp.1) - Food assistance to Bhutanese refugees in Nepal

#### 10. Summary of the work of the First Regular Session of 1997 of the Executive Board

In accordance with the Executive Board's decision at its Second Regular Session of 1996 on its methods of work, the summary of the work of the First Regular Session of 1997 is hereby submitted for endorsement.

#### 11. Other business

Representatives and the Executive Director may wish to raise further matters of interest to the Executive Board.

#### 12. Verification of the adopted decisions and recommendations

The Executive Board will have before it a draft document containing all decisions taken and/or recommendations made at its current session for verification of their accuracy.