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**Proposed process and timetable for
consultations**



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1. This note proposes a process and timetable for consultation with the membership on the development of a Resource Mobilization Strategy for WFP.
2. United Nations General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/203, the Secretary-General's note A52/847, and ECOSOC resolution 1997/59 recommend that "... the Executive Boards of the funds and programmes review and monitor their funding arrangements, with a view to making funding more secure and predictable."
3. The Executive Board, in approving the Report of the Formal Working Group on the Review of WFP's Resource and Long-term Financing policies (WFP/EB.1/99/4-A, Recommendation 8.3) at its First Regular Session of 1999, agreed to "... hold, as soon as possible, a substantive discussion of a future funding strategy for WFP."
4. In consultation with the Bureau of the Board, it was agreed that this discussion, involving the Member States and other donors, would be scheduled for late October 1999, with a view to submitting a Resource Mobilization Strategy to the Board's Annual Session of 2000.
5. The Secretariat will undertake a study of the issues influencing WFP's effective resource mobilization, and prepare a paper on a Resource Mobilization Strategy for WFP as a basis for this discussion.
6. The paper being prepared by the Secretariat aims to explore opportunities for future initiatives to raise funds, while examining the internal and external constraints on WFP's ability to mobilize resources. The paper will be structured to: a) assess the current context of WFP's resource mobilization; b) analyse WFP's strengths and weaknesses for fund-raising; and c) propose a strategy for future initiatives.
7. The proposed schedule for consultations is as follows:

September 1999	Informal consultations will be held with Member States and donors to ensure that their concerns are on the list of issues to be addressed by the paper.
Late October 1999	An informal consultation will be held for Member States and donors to consider and comment upon a preliminary draft Resource Mobilization Strategy paper.
February 2000	On the basis of the consultation of late October, the Secretariat will present a draft paper to the First Regular Session of 2000 of the Board for its consideration.
May 2000	A Resource Mobilization Strategy, incorporating the comments made by the



Board following the First Regular Session of 2000, will be submitted to the Board's Annual Session of 2000 for consideration and approval.

