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### 1. *Adoption of the agenda*

The Executive Director has prepared and circulated the provisional agenda (WFP/EB.A/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 Board may wish to adopt its 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 Annual Session.

### 3. *Annual reports*

- a) Annual report of the Executive Director. In accordance with WFP General Regulation 18(b), the Executive Director will submit under this item her annual report for 1996 (document WFP/EB.A/97/3-A/Add.1), which has been prepared in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of FAO. Entitled "Food security is about people", the report highlights the main achievements of 1996 and describes what the organization has done to meet the objectives set in the Strategic and Financial Plan 1996-99.

The Board may wish to consider and approve the Executive Director's report.

- b) Annual report on WFP emergency operations. The Board will have before it, for consideration, a report on WFP emergency relief activities. This document will report on operations approved during 1996 and on those approved prior to 31 December 1995 that were still in progress during 1996. It also reviews the level of contributions to, and performance of, the International Emergency Food Reserve (IEFR) during 1996.
- c) Annual report of the Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council on its activities in 1996 and on follow-up to the implementation of relevant General Assembly and ECOSOC resolutions and decisions. In accordance with WFP General Regulation 12 and paragraph 29 of Annex I to United Nations General Assembly resolution 48/162, the Board is required to report annually to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) and to the Council of FAO. To assist the Board in this task, the Executive Director is submitting a draft document (document WFP/EB.A/97/3-C) on the activities of the Board in 1996, which may form the basis of the Board's report.

Part I Annual report of the Executive Board on its activities in 1996, covers major issues such as legislation, governance and procedural matters, policy, resources, inspection and further reform and revitalization measures in WFP.



Part II Follow-up on implementation of the United Nations General Assembly resolution 50/120 and ECOSOC resolution 1996/42 on Programme Approach, Harmonization of programme cycles and programming procedures, National capacity-building and Execution, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Field and Regional Coordination. Follow-up on implementation of paragraphs 5 to 10 and 54 of United Nations General Assembly resolution 50/120, paragraph 17 of General Assembly resolution 50/227, and paragraph 11 of ECOSOC resolution 1996/42 on funding of operational activities.

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the World Food Summit.

Follow-up on implementation of ECOSOC resolution 1996/43 regarding collaboration between the United Nations development system and the Bretton Woods Institution.

The Board may wish to review this report and, if in agreement, to adopt it for onward transmission to ECOSOC and the FAO Council.

#### 4. *Resource and financial matters*

- a) Strategic and financial plan (1998 - 2001). The Strategic and Financial Plan for 1998-2001 (document WFP/EB.A/97/4-A) is presented to the Board, for its consideration, in accordance with WFP Financial Regulation 6.2. The document has been forwarded to the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and the FAO Finance Committee for their review and comments.

The four-year plan, prepared every two years on a rolling basis, consists of two sections. The Strategic Plan spells out the operational and organizational priorities of WFP for the four-year planning period. It identifies specific institutional requirements, activities and potential constraints associated with these priorities. The Financial Plan forecasts resource availability and income to WFP during the same period.

- b) Budgetary performance report for 1996. Under this item, the Board will have before it, for information, the Executive Director's report on budgetary performance, 1996 (document WFP/EB.A/97/4-B). The report has been presented, in accordance with WFP's General Regulation 29 (d), to the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee for their advice. The report contains performance information relating to expenditures on operations, as well as on the Programme Support and Administrative (PSA) Budget 1996.
- c) Pledging target (1999-2000). The Board will have before it, for consideration and approval, a document presenting the Executive Director's proposed pledging target for development activities, for the biennium 1999-2000.
- d) Funding and replenishment of the Operational Reserve. The Board will have before it, for approval, a paper giving details of the funding and replenishment modalities of the Operational Reserve (Document WFP/EB.A/97/4-D). This document has been sent for comments to the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.



- e) Funding of after-service medical liabilities. The Executive Director is proposing, for approval of the Board, that a special provision be set up to meet after-service medical liabilities. The Board may wish to consider document WFP/EB.A/97/4-E, together with the views of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committees, in reaching a decision.
- f) Progress report on the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations, 1992-93 and 1994-95. The Board may wish to note this report. This document has been sent for comments to the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

## 5. *Policy issues*

- a) Policies on the use of WFP food aid in relief and development activities: Monetization. The Board will have before it a paper (document WFP/EB.A/97/5-A) that reviews WFP's past use of monetization and considers conditions under which WFP ought to be involved in the sale of food aid commodities. A policy direction and further steps are recommended for consideration and approval by the Board.
- b) Reform and revitalization measures in the WFP. In May 1996, WFP presented to the Executive Board a report on Reform and Revitalization Measures in WFP (WFP/EB.A/96/6). The Board requested that a similar paper be presented to its 1997 Annual Session to provide information on additional measures undertaken in the intervening period.

The Board may wish to comment on this report (document WFP/EB.A/5-B).

## 6. *Evaluation work plan for 1997-98*

The Board will have before it a paper in which WFP's overall strategic priorities - particularly those fostering a people-centred approach to food aid, advocacy for the hungry poor and increased accountability, provide a substantive and methodological orientation for the evaluation work plan. This work plan is divided into "evaluation reports" to be presented to the Executive Board, and "studies" which will be circulated in other ways. The key objectives of evaluations and studies are to: a) provide lessons for future initiatives; b) contribute to the evolution of appropriate policies and procedures; and c) contribute to strategic decisions.

The Board may wish to endorse the general orientation of the proposed plan for 1997 and offer guidance to the Secretariat on the orientation of future evaluations and studies.

## 7. *Administrative and managerial matters*

### Composition of WFP international staff - personnel statistics report as at 31 January 1997.

The Board will have before it, for information and comments, a list of all international professional and higher category staff (document WFP/EB/A/7) with fixed-term or continuing contracts by organizational unit at headquarters and for each country office. In addition, statistics are provided on nationality and gender by grade level as well as representation of economically developed and developing countries.

The Board may wish to take note of the report and provide guidance as appropriate.

## 8. *Summary of the work of the Resumed Second Regular Session of 1997*



In accordance with the Executive's Boards' decision at its Second Regular Session of 1996 on its methods of work, the summary of the work of the Resumed Second Regular Session will be submitted for endorsement.

9. *Other business*

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

10. *Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations.*

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



