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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1

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1. ***Adoption of the Agenda.*** The Executive Director has prepared and circulated the annotated provisional agenda, which is based on the provisional programme of work of the Executive Board for 1999, approved at the Third Regular Session of 1998 (WFP/EB.3/98/10-A). The Executive Board may amend the proposed agenda by deleting, adding or modifying any item.
2. ***Election of officers of the Executive Board and appointment of the Rapporteur.*** In accordance with the rules of procedure and methods of work adopted by the Board in 1996, the Executive Board shall elect, among its representatives, its Bureau consisting of five members, one from each WFP electoral list A to E. One of those shall be the President of the Executive Board and another the Vice-President. The other three members shall be representatives of their respective electoral lists.

In keeping with the established methods of work, the Board may also wish to appoint from among its members a Rapporteur for its First Regular Session.

3. ***Policy issues***

a) Partnership with NGOs

The Board will have before it, for information, a paper discussing WFP's collaboration with NGOs and issues relevant to its work with NGO partners.

b) Preliminary report on the implementation of organizational change in WFP

In February 1997, the Executive Director launched a Change Management Initiative designed to bring more decision-making authority and specialist expertise closer to the people whom WFP helps - the hungry poor. The document before the Board, for information, reports on progress in the implementation of this Initiative.

4. ***Financial and budgetary matters***

a) Review of WFP's Resource and Long-term Financing policies

At its Third Regular Session in October 1998, the Board agreed to defer to the First Regular Session of 1999 formal action on the Report of the Formal Working Group on the Review of WFP's Resource and Long-term Financing policies. The Board also agreed that it would consider at the same time options for the Direct Support Cost Pre-funding Facility recommended in the report.

The Board will have before it, for consideration and approval, the Formal Working Group's Report and the recommended policy changes it contains.

b) Options for a Direct Support Cost Pre-funding Facility

The Board will have before it, for its consideration and approval, a Secretariat paper which recommends establishing a facility to enable WFP to commit and spend direct support monies in advance of confirmed contributions.

c) Proposed revisions of WFP's General Regulations, General Rules and Financial Regulations

If the Board agrees to the Resource and Long-term Financing policy changes proposed under item 4 a), minor revisions of the General Regulations, General



Rules and Financial Regulations will be required. The proposed revisions will be considered by the Board and, if agreed, forwarded to the appropriate bodies for approval or information, as required. The Board will also have before it, for information, WFP's revised Financial Rules.

- Comments of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)

The written comments of the ACABQ on i) the proposed Direct Support Cost Pre-funding Facility; and ii) the revisions of the WFP General and Financial Regulations required to implement the proposed changes to the Resource and Long-term Financing policies will be provided to the Board to assist in its consideration of these matters, as required by Article XIV.4 of the General Regulations.

- Comments of the FAO Finance Committee

The written comments of the FAO Finance Committee on i) the proposed Direct Support Cost Pre-funding Facility; and ii) the revisions of the WFP General and Financial Regulations required to implement the proposed changes to the Resource and Long-term Financing Policies will be provided to the Board to assist in its consideration of these matters, as required by Article XIV.4 of the General Regulations.

Operational matters

5. **Country Strategy Outlines.** The Executive Board's views are invited on the Country Strategy Outline for Lesotho.
6. **Country Programmes.** The Executive Board will have before it, for consideration and approval, the following Country Programmes:
 - Burkina Faso
 - Madagascar
7. **Projects for Executive Board approval**
 - a) Protracted relief and recovery operations. Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it, for consideration and approval, the following protracted relief and recovery operations exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority for approval:
 - Great Lakes Regional
 - Somalia 6073.00
 - Iraq 6085.00
 - Central America Regional
 - b) Budget increases to protracted relief and recovery operations. Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it, for consideration and approval, the following budget increases to protracted relief and recovery operations exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority for approval:
 - Sierra Leone 5802.00



8. ***Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters***

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

- Colombia 2740.01—Support to socio-economic activities and environmental protection in indigenous communities
- Gambia 2729.02—Community-based rural development

9. ***Organizational and procedural matters***

Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board. In accordance with the decision of the First Regular Session of 1996, the Board will have before it, for approval, the draft revised Rules of Procedure as prepared by the Working Group on Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.

10. ***Summary of the work of the Third Regular Session of 1998 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 Third Regular Session of 1998 will be 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 and/or recommendations taken at its current session, for verification of their accuracy.

