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Annotated provisional agenda

1. *Adoption of the agenda*

Pursuant to Rule III of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board, the Executive Director hereby presents, **for approval**, the provisional agenda of the 2021 annual session. During the session, the Board may, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, amend the agenda by deletion, addition or modification of any item.

2. *Appointment of the Rapporteur*

Pursuant to Rule XII and in keeping with the established methods of work, the Board may appoint a Rapporteur from among the representatives.

3. *Opening remarks by the Executive Director*

Under this item, the Executive Director will make an oral presentation to the Board on current and future strategic issues facing WFP. This will be followed by remarks from special and high-level guests and an interactive question and answer virtual segment.

4. *Annual reports*

a) Annual performance report for 2020

General Rule VII.2 states: "Each year the Executive Director shall submit to the Board **for its consideration and approval** an annual report and other reports as directed by the Board." Governance recommendation (h), approved by the Board at its third regular session in 2000 (decision 2000/EB.3/1 – Follow-up to Executive Board Decision 2000/EB.A/6 on Governance), states: "An Annual Performance Report should be developed based on the Biennial Management Plan previously approved."

The annual performance report for 2020 aims to present a relevant and evidence-based analysis of WFP's performance, reflecting the commitments made for the year as defined in the strategic and management plans.

b) Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2020

The annual report of the Ethics Office will be presented to the Board **for its consideration**. The report will cover the work of the Ethics Office in each area of its mandate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020 and will provide information about its activities.

- c) Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2020 and management note

The annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services will be presented to the Board **for its consideration**. The report will cover the work of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services in each area of its mandate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020 and will provide information about its activities.

5. **Policy issues**

- a) WFP people policy

Following the recommendations made in the evaluation of the WFP People Strategy (2014–2017) examined by the Board at its 2020 first regular session, the Secretariat will present a new people policy to the Board **for approval**.

- b) Revised anti-fraud and anti-corruption policy

The current anti-fraud and anti-corruption policy was approved by the Board at its 2015 annual session. Following recent developments of the WFP oversight framework, a revised policy will be presented to the Board **for its approval**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (ACABQ) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Finance Committee.

- c) Revised policy for disclosure of oversight reports issued by the Office of the Inspector General

The current policy for disclosure of oversight reports was approved by the Board at its 2017 annual session. As a result of the WFP oversight framework approved by the Board at its 2018 annual session and following discussions between the Inspector General and the members, a revised policy for disclosure of oversight reports issued by the Office of the Inspector General will be presented to the Board **for approval**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

- d) Update on the implementation plan of the WFP protection and accountability policy

As requested by the Board when it approved the WFP protection and accountability policy at its 2020 second regular session, the Secretariat will present an update of the policy implementation plan, including an estimated budget. This item will be presented **for consideration**.

- e) Update on WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response (2020)

This document provides an overview of WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response during the last year, flags trends and challenges affecting WFP's response and highlights implications for WFP. This item will be presented **for consideration**.

- f) Update on the elaboration of the WFP Strategic Plan (2022–2026)*

As requested by the Bureau, the Secretariat will provide an update on the developments made so far in the elaboration of the WFP Strategic Plan (2022–2026), following the initial informal discussions which took place with the Member States. This item will be presented **for information**.

*To be discussed at the session.

g) Update on WFP's response to HIV and AIDS

The document gives a progress report on the implementation of WFP's HIV and AIDS policy (WFP/EB.2/2010/4-A) in the context of continued scaling-up of treatment with anti-retroviral drugs. It also describes recent successes in integrating food and nutrition into Global Fund proposals related to HIV and tuberculosis. This item will be presented **for information**.

h) Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system)*

The Secretariat will update the Board on the implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279, on repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda. The update will be presented **for information**.

6. Resource, financial and budgetary matters

a) Audited annual accounts, 2020

The audited annual accounts present a full set of financial statements and notes for 2020. They also contain a review by the External Auditor of the financial statements, which provides an independent assessment for the Secretariat and the Board of the management controls on which the Secretariat has relied for the preparation of annual financial statements. This item is presented to the Board **for approval**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

b) Report on the utilization of WFP's advance financing mechanisms (1 January–31 December 2020)

The report covers use of the Immediate Response Account and the Working Capital Financing Facility from 1 January to 31 December 2020. This item is presented to the Board **for approval**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

c) Annual report of the Audit Committee

At its 2009 first regular session, the Board endorsed the creation of the WFP Audit Committee as an independent advisory body reporting to the Board and the Executive Director. This annual report will cover the activities of the Audit Committee from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. The closing date coincides with the finalization of the annual financial statements, a prime focus area of the Committee for the period under review. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

d) Annual report of the Inspector General and note by the Executive Director

In accordance with Article VI (2) (b) (viii) of the WFP General Regulations, the Board is provided with a report of the Inspector General on oversight activities.

This report covering 2020 provides the oversight perspective regarding WFP's governance, risk management and control and provides overviews of the activities of the Office of the Inspector General, the Office of Internal Audit and the Office of Inspections and Investigations. The report is submitted together with a note by the Executive Director. The two items are presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

e) Management review of significant risk and control issues, 2020

The Secretariat will provide further description and analysis of the significant risk and control matters which have been highlighted in the 2020 Executive Director's Statement on Internal Control available in the audited annual accounts for 2020, and which have been prioritized for attention in 2021. The analysis will draw on the review of feedback provided by global management in the 2020 Executive Director Assurance Exercise and references evidence from internal oversight bodies. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

f) Report of the External Auditor on critical corporate initiatives and WFP management response to the External Auditor's recommendations

This report presents the results of an external audit on critical corporate initiatives (CCIs). The objective of the audit was essentially to examine whether: i) the CCIs address issues that are strategic for WFP and fall within the definition previously agreed by the Executive Board; ii) the process for selecting, implementing and monitoring CCIs is adequately controlled and enables the Board to decide whether to approve them on the basis of sound evidence; iii) the budgetary framework and funding arrangements for the CCIs are transparent and suited to the needs of WFP; iv) the CCIs have been designed in a way that allows for the measurement of results and a determination of whether their objectives have been achieved. The Secretariat's response to the report's recommendations is also presented. Both documents are presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

g) Report of the External Auditor on the management of information on beneficiaries and WFP management response to the External Auditor's recommendations

This report presents the results of an external audit on the management of information on beneficiaries. The primary aim of the audit was to: i) clarify the notion of beneficiary and the rules for counting beneficiaries, according to the type of assistance provided and the populations of interest; ii) analyse, from the point of view of the reliability of the methods used, the management of beneficiary data over the whole cycle, from needs assessment to data collection processing and monitoring, and analysis; iii) understand how these data are collected, measured and evaluated to help guide WFP officials' management decisions; iv) analyse the quality of reporting on beneficiaries at the country office and headquarters levels. The Secretariat's response to the report's recommendations is also presented. Both documents are presented to the Board **for consideration**.

h) Report on the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations

This report summarizes actions taken by the Secretariat to implement the External Auditor's recommendations. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

- i) Report of the Executive Director on contributions, reductions and waivers of costs under General Rule XIII.4 (f) in 2020

In accordance with General Rule XIII.4 (f), this report is submitted to the Executive Board **for information** and provides a summary of contributions that do not achieve full cost recovery received from governments of developing countries, countries with economies in transition and other non-traditional donors (General Rule XIII.4 (c)); contributions with reductions or waivers of indirect support costs and, where applicable, direct support costs of an activity or activities (General Rule XIII.4 (d)) and; contributions from governments of developing countries and countries with economies in transition with a reduced indirect support cost rate as set by the Board (General Rule XIII.4 (e)).

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

- j) Utilization of the self-insurance special account surplus

The Secretariat will present a proposal to transfer USD 20 million from the self-insurance special account surplus to the Immediate Response Account. This item is presented to the Board **for approval**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

7. **Evaluation reports**

- a) Annual evaluation report for 2020 and management response

The annual evaluation report provides an overview of centralized and decentralized evaluations completed, conducted and planned. It examines the performance of the WFP evaluation function and highlights areas for attention in coming years. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

- b) Summary report on the strategic evaluation of the contribution of school feeding activities to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and management response

The evaluation will cover WFP's school feeding-related activities from January 2014 to December 2019, including a focus on assessing how WFP is equipped and on understanding what is needed to successfully support school feeding in different country contexts while responding to the opportunities set out in the 2030 Agenda. The scope will also include an assessment of the results of the 2013 revised School Feeding Policy in light of the Sustainable Development Goals. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

- c) Synthesis of evidence and lessons on country capacity strengthening from decentralized evaluations and management response

This synthesis will analyse findings and recommendations from a specific theme or programmatic area addressed by WFP decentralized evaluations conducted since 2016. The synthesis will seek to draw lessons; assess performance; and contribute to WFP's evidence base. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

- d) Summary report on the peer review of the evaluation function at the World Food Programme and WFP response

This report will present the results and recommendations of the peer review of WFP's evaluation function carried out by the United Nations Evaluation Group and the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD-DAC) in 2020. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

- e) Implementation status of evaluation recommendations

This document presents the annual status report on the implementation of the evaluation recommendations presented to the Board. It describes the actions taken by headquarters divisions, regional bureaux and country offices to implement evaluation recommendations. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

8. **Operational matters**

- a) Country strategic plans

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following country strategic plan:

1. Cuba (2021–2024)

- b) Revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases approved by the Board by vote by correspondence

The Board will have before it, **for information**, the following revision of a country strategic plan approved by vote by correspondence:

1. Congo (2019–2023)

9. **Organizational and procedural matters**

- a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2021–2022)

Further to a request by the Board at its third regular session in 2004, an updated version of the biennial programme of work (2021–2022) is presented **for information**.

10. **Administrative and managerial matters**

- a) Appointment of two members to the Audit Committee

The second term of two members of the Audit Committee will come to an end on 14 November 2021. The Board will appoint two new members on the basis of the recommendations by the selection panel. This item is presented to the Board **for approval**.

- b) Appointment of the Inspector General and Director of Oversight Office

The Executive Director will recommend to the Board, for approval, the proposed candidate to the post of the Inspector General and Director of the Oversight Office. This item is presented to the Board **for approval**.

- c) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit: Multilingualism in the United Nations system

As requested by the Board, the Secretariat will present WFP comments to the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit report on multilingualism in the United Nations system. This item is presented **for consideration**.

- d) Address by staff representative bodies to the Board

As per procedure established in 2012, staff representative bodies will present their address to the Board on questions of interest to the organization and its staff.

e) Report on global losses for the period 1 January–31 December 2020

The Executive Director will submit to the Board, **for information**, a report on food losses incurred prior to and after delivery in recipient countries.

At its 2000 annual session the Board “encouraged the Secretariat to take all necessary measures to ensure that losses were further reduced and seek monetary reimbursement from those governments which had lost commodities through negligence”. The report describes the measures taken by WFP to keep pre- and post-delivery losses to a minimum between 1 January and 31 December 2020. It makes specific mention of the largest losses, both in terms of absolute and proportional net cost.

f) Update on food procurement*

At the Board’s 2006 first regular session Board members asked WFP to report more regularly on food procurement activities as a follow-up to the policy outlined in the document entitled “Food Procurement in Developing Countries” (WFP/EB.1/2006/5-C). This report, presented **for information**, provides: i) statistics on food procurement; ii) an update on food procurement capacity; and iii) an analysis of the interplay between local, regional and international procurement. In accordance with General Rule XII.4, the report will also cover the use of unrestricted cash resources to purchase commodities in developing countries.

g) Statistical report on international professional staff and higher categories at 31 December 2020

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a report outlining WFP staffing as at 31 December 2020. It provides the number of international professional and higher category staff holding indefinite, continuing or fixed-term (one year or more) appointments and junior professional officers and United Nations volunteers participating in WFP activities. The report also provides statistics on the geographical distribution of WFP international professional and higher category staff.

h) Security report

At its 2007 second regular session, the Board requested that the WFP security report be shared with Board members. This document presents an analysis of significant security incidents involving WFP staff, assets and partners in 2020 along with statistical data on geographical distribution and types of security incidents. This item is presented to the Board **for information**.

11. Summary of the work of the 2021 first regular session of the Executive Board

In accordance with the Board’s decision at its 1996 second regular session on its methods of work, the summary of work of the 2021 first regular session is submitted **for approval**.

12. Other business

a) Update on WFP’s engagement in the preparations for the 2021 United Nations food systems summit

At the request of the Bureau, the Secretariat will provide a regular brief update on the work undertaken by the Rome-based agencies in preparation for the 2021 United Nations food systems summit. This item will be presented to the Board **for consideration**.

b) Oral global overview on humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities*

As suggested by the Secretariat at the Bureau meeting of 15 January 2021, an oral global overview on humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities, including those directly related to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, will be presented to the Board **for information**.

c) Oral report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP*

An oral report on the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women, and WFP will be presented to the Board **for information**.

d) Update on United Nations Humanitarian Air Service*

At the request of the Bureau, an update on the operations and activities of the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service will be presented to the Board **for information**.

13. *Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations*

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