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Adoption of the Agenda

For approval

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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 Annotated Agenda of the Annual Session of 2016. 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.

His Holiness Pope Francis will open the WFP Executive Board 2016 Annual Session with a special address to the WFP community.

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.

4. *Annual Reports*

➤ Annual Performance Report for 2015

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 2015 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.

5. *Policy Issues*

a) WFP Strategic Plan (2017–2021)

The WFP Strategic Plan (2017–2021) will represent a significant change for WFP's vision for zero hunger. Building on the findings from the mid-term review of the Strategic Plan (2014–2017), it will enable WFP to demonstrate its contribution to achieving zero hunger worldwide by aligning its Strategic Objectives with the relevant goals, targets and indicators

of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Strategic Plan (2017–2021) will integrate critical outcomes of other major 2015–2016 conferences such as the World Humanitarian Summit, the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and the United Nations Climate Change Conference. It will also take into account opportunities and address emerging challenges based on lessons learned from policy, programme and operation evaluations and assessments, the annual report on WFP’s role in the collective humanitarian response and consultations with the Board and other stakeholders. This item includes a first version of the WFP Strategic Plan (2017–2021) and is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

b) Policy on Country Strategic Plans

Since 2014, WFP has been developing and testing a new approach to strategic and operational planning that uses a revised process of country-level engagement. The approach demonstrates the importance WFP places on high-level engagement with national and international work on hunger, including Sustainable Development Goal 2. The objectives of the approach are to: i) support countries in progressing toward zero hunger; ii) operationalize WFP’s Strategic Plan at the country level, including the delivery of humanitarian assistance; and iii) improve WFP strategic positioning at national and global levels. The new policy involves adoption of a Country Strategic Plan as the sole country-level strategic, programmatic and governance document in lieu of most project documents. This item includes a first version of the new policy and is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

c) Update on the Financial Framework Review

At its Annual Session in 2014, the Board asked the Secretariat to implement the next phase of the Financial Framework Review as outlined in WFP/EB.A/2014/6-D/1. This document will provide an update of the progress made. 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) Update on the Integrated Road Map for the Strategic Plan (2017–2021), the Corporate Results Framework, the Policy on Country Strategic Plans and the Financial Framework Review*

At the request of the Executive Board Bureau, the Secretariat will present to the Board an update of the road map for integrating development of the new Strategic Plan and its Corporate Results Framework with the Policy on Country Strategic Plans and the Financial Framework Review. This item is presented to the Board **for information**.

e) Update on WFP’s Role in Collective Humanitarian Response

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 is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

f) Update on the Gender Policy*

When approving the Gender Policy (2015–2020) at its Annual Session in 2015, the Board requested that annual updates on implementation be presented. This item is presented to the Board **for information**.

* In accordance with the Board’s decisions on governance approved at the Annual Session and Third Regular Session of 2000, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it well in advance of the meeting and the President accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board’s time.

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 is presented to the Board **for information**.

6. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*

a) Audited Annual Accounts, 2015

The Audited Annual Accounts present a full set of financial statements and notes for 2015. 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 Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Finance Committee.

b) Appointment of Two Executive Board Members to the Selection Panel for the Appointment of Two Members of the Audit Committee

The Board will appoint two of its members to participate on the panel that will select two Audit Committee members to be appointed in 2017. 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) Use of the Immediate Response Account for Preparedness Activities

In 2004, the Board approved a proposal allowing up to USD 2 million per year from the Immediate Response Account (IRA) to be used for funding certain preparedness activities when investment in needs assessment was needed and when there were no alternative funding sources available (WFP/EB.3/2004/12-A). The Secretariat proposes increasing the level of IRA funding allowed for such activities; the document provides the background and justification for such an increase. 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.

d) Annual Report of the Audit Committee

At its First Regular Session in 2009, 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 2015 to 31 March 2016. 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.

e) 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 2015 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. This document is submitted together with a Note by the Executive Director **for consideration**. These 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.

f) Report of the External Auditor on the School Feeding Programme and WFP Management Response

This report presents the results of an external audit of WFP's school feeding programme. The audit sought assurance that WFP had been able to implement the programme economically, efficiently and effectively while helping countries assume ownership of their programmes. 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 WFP Aviation and WFP Management Response

This report presents the results of an external audit of WFP's Aviation Service. The audit sought assurance that WFP had been able to operate and manage its Aviation Service in an economical, efficient and effective manner. 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.

h) Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor 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 on the Utilization of WFP's Advance Financing Mechanisms (1 January–31 December 2015)

The report covers use of the Immediate Response Account and the Working Capital Financing Facility, including the Forward Purchase Facility, from 1 January to 31 December 2015. 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.

j) Report of the Executive Director on the Utilization of Contributions and Waivers of Costs (General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (h))*

In accordance with General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4(h), this document is submitted to the Board **for information**. It covers the use of unrestricted cash resources to purchase commodities, contributions of commodities or services only from governments of developing countries, countries with economies in transition and other non-traditional donors, and reductions or waivers for indirect support costs in respect to any contribution in kind to cover direct support costs.

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, 2015 and Management Response

The Annual Evaluation Report summarizes the findings of evaluations completed in the previous year to highlight common areas of strength and identify opportunities for systemic improvements for enhancing WFP's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability. It also provides an account of the evaluation function at WFP. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

b) Summary Evaluation Report – Mauritania Country Portfolio and Management Response

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of the portfolio over a five-year period assessing: i) how well WFP is aligned with the context, people’s needs, government policies and partner strategies; ii) the drivers and quality of strategic choices; and iii) portfolio performance and results. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office’s strategic direction, planning and implications for programme implementation. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

c) Implementation Status of Evaluation Recommendations*

This document presents the annual status report on the implementation of the evaluation recommendations presented to the Board. It provides information about how the actions planned to implement the evaluation recommendations have been implemented by Headquarters divisions, regional bureaux and country offices. This item is presented to the Board **for information**.

Operational Matters

8. *Projects for Executive Board Approval*

a) Protracted relief and recovery operations

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following protracted relief and recovery operations (PRRO) exceeding the Executive Director’s delegated authority:

- a) Democratic People’s Republic of Korea 200907
- b) Zimbabwe 200944

b) Budget increases to protracted relief and recovery operations

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following budget increase to a PRRO exceeding the Executive Director’s delegated authority:

- c) Ethiopia 200712
- d) Malawi 200692

9. *Organizational and Procedural Matters*

e) Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2016–2017)*

Further to a request by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2004, an updated version of the Biennial Programme of Work (2016–2017) is presented **for information**.

10. *Administrative and Managerial Matters*

a) Address by Staff Representative Bodies to the Board

Staff Representative Bodies will present their address to the Board on questions of interest to the organization and its staff.

b) Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2015*

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

The 2000 Annual Session of 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 post-delivery losses to a minimum between 1 January and 31 December 2015. It makes specific mention of the largest losses, both in terms of absolute and proportional net cost.

c) Update on Food Procurement*

At the First Regular Session in 2006, Board members asked WFP to report more regularly on food procurement activities as a follow-up to “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.

d) Statistical Report on International Professional Staff and Higher Categories*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document portraying WFP staffing as at 31 December 2015. It provides the number of international professional staff and higher categories holding indefinite, continuing or fixed-term (one year or more) appointments along with junior professional officers and United Nations volunteers participating in WFP activities. The report also provides statistics on the geographical distribution of WFP international professional staff and higher categories.

e) Security Report*

At its Second Regular Session in 2007, 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 2015 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 First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2016*

In accordance with the Board’s decision at its Second Regular Session in 1996 on its methods of work, the Summary of Work of the First Regular Session of 2016 is submitted **for approval**.

12. *Other Business*

a) Oral Report on the Joint Field Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP*

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

b) Update on Cost Excellence*

At the request of the Board, the Secretariat will provide an oral update on the progress made on the Cost Excellence initiative. The item 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.