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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 First Regular Session of 2014. 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. *Election of the Bureau and Appointment of the Rapporteur*

In accordance with Rule IV of its Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board shall elect among the representatives of its members a President, a Vice President and three other members (collectively designated as the Bureau), as well as an alternate. They shall hold office until their successors are elected. Each member and alternate of the Bureau shall be chosen from one of the Lists of States as defined in Appendix A to the General Regulations of WFP.

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

3. *Current and Future Strategic Issues*

Under this item, the Executive Director will make an oral presentation to the Board on current and future strategic issues facing WFP.

4. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*

a) Financial Framework Review: Working Capital Financing

The financial framework review proposal on working capital financing will address rationale in terms of enhanced project implementation while addressing potential risks. Options under consideration for the review of the working capital financing include i) adjusting the size of the Operational Reserve, and ii) changing the leverage factor of the Operational Reserve (currently set at factor six). The objective of this and further proposals to be made later in 2014 is to introduce a financial model that enhances funding stability and the ability to plan costs, improves cost management and increases transparency to stakeholders. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

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 FAO Finance Committee.

b) Method for Calculating the Indirect Support Cost Rate for WFP

This paper – presented **for consideration** – will propose a method for calculating an indirect support cost rate for WFP based on first principles. It will draw on the 2002 “Final Report on the Analysis of the Indirect Support Costs (ISC) Rate” (WFP/EB.3/2002/5-C/1) and the 2006 “Review of Indirect Support Costs Rate” (WFP/EB.A/2006/6-C/1). It will review organizational and other changes in WFP since 2002. It will also review the methods used by other agencies such as the United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Children’s Fund in carrying out a similar review during 2009–2012 and consider its appropriateness for WFP. The paper will also address the impact of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) on the process.

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

5. *Evaluation Reports*

The evaluation documents submitted under this item are **for consideration**. The summaries of actions taken by management to implement the recommendations are presented as addenda to the reports.

a) Summary Evaluation Report of the WFP Gender Policy (2008–2013) and Management Response

This evaluation falls due under WFP's policy evaluation cycle and has been selected as the highest priority among policy evaluations. It has high internal and external relevance and offers a rare opportunity to assess the follow-up to the 2008 evaluation recommendations in policy, the quality and extent of implementation, and to help inform future direction taking account of developments at the international system level. The evaluation will feed into the first reporting on a United Nations system-wide action plan (UNSWAP), led by UN-Women, which sets common performance standards and also takes stock of WFP's 2010–2011 Gender Corporate Action Plan.

b) Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Impact of Food for Assets on Livelihood Resilience in Guatemala (2003–2010) and Management Response

The evaluation will look at the outcomes and impact achieved by food-for-assets programmes on livelihood resilience at household and community levels and draw lessons to inform WFP's future programming.

c) Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Impact of Food for Assets on Livelihood Resilience in Senegal (2005–2010) and Management Response

The evaluation will look at the outcomes and impact achieved by food-for-assets programmes on livelihood resilience at household and community levels and draw lessons to inform WFP's future programming.

d) Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Impact of Food for Assets on Livelihood Resilience in Uganda (2005–2010) and Management Response

The evaluation will look at the outcomes and impact achieved by food-for-assets programmes on livelihood resilience at household and community levels and draw lessons to inform WFP's future programming.

Operational Matters

6. *Projects for Executive Board Approval*

a) Budget increases to development activities

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following budget increase to development activities exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- Republic of Congo 200211

b) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following PRROs exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- Haiti 200618
- Yemen 200636

7. *Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters*

a) Development Projects approved by the Executive Director (1 January–31 December 2013)*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a summary of the development projects approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority:

- Djibouti 200498
- Kyrgyz Republic 200176
- Morocco 200494
- Swaziland 200508

b) Budget Increases to Development Activities approved by the Executive Director (1 January–31 December 2013)*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing budget increases to development activities approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority.

c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2013)*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a summary of the PRROs approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority:

- Cameroon 200552
- Jordan 200537
- Malawi 200460
- The Gambia 200557

d) Budget Increases to PRROs approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2013)*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing budget increases to PRROs approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority.

e) Emergency Operations approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2013)*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing emergency operations approved by the Executive Director, or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO, under the authority delegated in the Appendix to the General Rules.

* 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 Chair accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time.

8. *Organizational and Procedural Matters*

➤ Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2014–2015)*

Further to a request by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2004, an updated version of the Biennial Programme of Work (2014–2015) is presented **for information**.

9. *Administrative and Managerial Matters*

➤ Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit Relevant to the Work of WFP

The Board, by its decision 2002/EB.2/17, recommended that the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) reports submitted annually by the Secretariat to the Board should comprise the following items.

- i) WFP comments on the JIU reports relevant to the work of WFP received between the submission of the last Board document and 1 October 2013;
- ii) a list of JIU reports issued since the last reporting period; and
- iii) the status of WFP's implementation of previously approved or accepted recommendations.

In accordance with the practice of the Boards of other Funds and Programmes, the Secretariat presents to the Board each year at the First Regular Session a summary report containing the items listed above **for consideration**.

10. *Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2013*

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 Second Regular Session of 2013 is submitted **for approval**.

11. *Other Business*

a) Update on the Implementation of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review*

Following the adoption of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (QCPR) by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2012, the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) requested that the United Nations funds and programmes implement a number of time-bound decisions with a view to streamlining and aligning their activities in several areas. The Secretariat will provide an update on the actions taken and a schedule for implementation. This item will be presented to the Board **for information**.

b) Simplification of the Country Programme Approval Procedure

The United Nations General Assembly Resolution on the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review requests for harmonization and simplification of agency-specific programming instruments and processes. After consultations with the other funds and programmes, and following discussions with the Executive Board Bureau and Board members, it is proposed to simplify the approval procedure of WFP country programmes by submitting them to the Board for discussion and approval at a single session, without submitting them for consideration at an earlier session. This item will be presented to the Board **for approval**.

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

A report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, which is to take place on 3 February 2014, will be presented orally to the Board **for information**.

12. *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.