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### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1

### For approval



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# PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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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 in 2012. 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. Annual Reports

### Annual Report for 2011 to ECOSOC and FAO Council

The Annual Report to ECOSOC and FAO Council is presented at the First Regular Session every year in accordance with the Board's 2004 decision on streamlining corporate reporting to the Board and WFP parent bodies (2004/EB.A/11). The report provides a comprehensive picture of WFP's engagement in United Nations system-wide activities, organized according to the common format for United Nations funds and programme reports to ECOSOC and taking into account the comments expressed by the WFP Board on the desired content of the report. This report is presented to the Board for approval.

### 5. Policy Issues

### a) WFP Nutrition Policy

At its informal consultation on 1 July 2010, the Board requested the Secretariat to submit a comprehensive nutrition policy, noting that several policy papers existed, but dated back to 2004, except for the Nutrition Improvement Approach which was being discussed. The new policy will give a comprehensive view of WFP's nutrition policy. It will cover the spectrum of emergency, relief, recovery and development activities, and include curative and preventive interventions, with a focus on vulnerable groups. This policy will replace all previous Board documents on the issue of nutrition. It is submitted **for approval**.



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### b) WFP Humanitarian Protection Policy

Humanitarian assistance agencies are increasingly expected to be aware of and, where possible, contribute to the protection of their beneficiary populations. In this light, the WFP policy paper on protection will seek to define principles of protection applicable for WFP and core strategies for mainstreaming protection in the work of the Programme. The document is submitted **for approval**.

### 6. 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) <u>Summary Report of the Strategic Evaluation – from Food Aid to Food Assistance:</u> Working in Partnership and Management Response

This is the second of four strategic evaluations that focus on how WFP exercises choices to adjust to the shift from food aid to food assistance outlined in the WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2013). The evaluation focuses on how WFP's role and its partnerships would be affected by this change and by the Global Partnership. The evaluation analyses WFP's past and current partnership experiences at country, regional and global levels to build a better understanding of WFP's partnerships and with whom and how WFP can partner to maximize the overall effectiveness and efficiency of food assistance efforts. Findings and recommendations are synthesized from a number of case studies. The results will help WFP make better choices about partnerships at all levels.

## b) <u>Summary Report of the Strategic Evaluation on how WFP's Country Offices Adapt to Change and Management Response</u>

This is the last of four strategic evaluations that focus on choosing the appropriate responses to hunger needs. The evaluation focuses on WFP's experience in shifting from emergency to recovery and development, or back to emergency, to learn about how country offices have redefined their roles and adjusted their objectives. The evaluation carried out case studies from a number of countries and developed lessons that can help improve WFP's choice of target groups.

### c) <u>Summary Report of the Strategic Evaluation of WFP's Role in Ending Long-Term</u> <u>Hunger and Management Response</u>

This is the third of four strategic evaluations that focus on how WFP exercises choices to adjust to the shift from food aid to food assistance outlined in the WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2013). This evaluation focuses on increasing understanding of how programme activities or operations are effectively designed to address the needs of specific target groups. It identifies conditions under which programmes targeted towards one group or another are most effective and efficient and discusses the trade-offs between working with different target groups to achieve WFP's goal of contributing to long-term solutions to hunger. The evaluation carried out case studies from a number of countries and developed lessons that can help improve WFP's choice of target groups.



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### d) <u>Summary Evaluation Report of WFP School Feeding Policy and</u> Management Response

This evaluation was requested by the Board when it approved the WFP School Feeding Policy at its Second Regular Session in 2009. This policy implied a significant shift in the way WFP approaches school feeding in order to make it more effective and sustainable. The evaluation focuses on i) the quality of the policy; ii) the extent to which WFP is already implementing the new policy and action taken to ensure that the shifts outlined in the policy are translated into changes in operations/programmes at country level; iii) results which are already visible; and iv) lessons to be drawn from experience so far. It draws upon the evidence generated from the impact evaluations of school feeding operations in five African and Asian countries and uses synthesized evidence from case studies conducted in selected Latin American countries.

# e) <u>Summary Report of the Joint UNHCR/WFP Impact Evaluation on the Contribution of Food Assistance to Durable Solutions in Protracted Refugee Situations—</u> <u>Ethiopia and Management Response</u>

The evaluation looks at the immediate and longer-term effects of food assistance to refugees in protracted situations and draw lessons on how short-term actions can enhance or hinder the potential for positive long-term effects. It includes assessing the impacts of past operations. It draws lessons from experience that can inform how WFP and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) may want to adjust their programming.

### **Operational Matters**

### 7. Country Programmes

The following country programmes were reviewed in a draft by the Board at its Second Regular Session in November 2011. As per the harmonized procedure for country programme approval (WFP/EB.3/2002/4-B), the final country programmes have been posted on the WFP website in December 2011 and are submitted to the Board for **approval on a no-objection basis.** 

- Malawi 200287 (2012–2016)
- Mozambique 200286 (2012–2015)
- Central African Republic 200331 (2012–2016)

### 8. Projects for Executive Board Approval

### Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

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

- ➤ Ethiopia 200365
- ➤ Kenya 200294
- ➤ Philippines 200296



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### 9. Projects approved by Correspondence

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➤ Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations\*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, the following PRRO budget increase approved by correspondence by the Executive Board between its Second Regular Session in 2011 and its First Regular Session in 2012:

Niger 200051

### 10. Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters

a) <u>Development Projects approved by the Executive Director</u> (1 January–31 December 2011)\*

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

- ➤ Guinea-Bissau 200274
- > Cape Verde 200283
- ➤ Republic of the Congo 200211
- b) <u>Budget Increases to Development Activities approved by the Executive Director</u> (1 January–31 December 2011)\*

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 2011)\*

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

- Diibouti 200293
- **Ecuador** 200275
- ➤ Kyrgyzstan 200036
- d) <u>Budget Increases to PRROs approved by the Executive Director</u> (1 July–31 December 2011)\*

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) <u>Emergency Operations approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2011)</u>\*

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.



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### 11. Organizational and Procedural Matters

### ➤ Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2012–2013)\*

Further to a request by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2004, an updated version of the Biennial Programme of Work (2012–2013) is presented **for information.** 

### 12. 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 2011;
- 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**.

### 13. Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2011

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 2011 is submitted **for approval**.

#### 14. Other Business

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 30 and 31 January 2012, will be presented orally to the Board **for information**.

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

In 2012, the term of three members of the Audit Committee is coming to an end. Such term may be renewed, but a procedure for appointment and renewal of Audit Committee members needs to be established, based on the requirements that are set forth in the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee. To this end, and as per said Terms of Reference, a selection panel consisting of two representatives of the Board, two representatives of the Secretariat and one member of the Audit Committee needs to be constituted. The Board will need to appoint, at its First Regular Session, two of its members to sit on the selection panel.

<sup>\*</sup> In accordance with the Executive Board's decisions on governance, approved at the Annual and Third Regular Sessions, 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.



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### 15. 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.

