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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 Annual Session in 2009. 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 provide, **for consideration**, an oral presentation on strategic issues facing WFP.

4. *Annual Reports*

➤ Annual Performance Report for 2008

General Rule VII.2 states: “Each year the Executive Director shall submit to the Board **for its 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 2008 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 Plan and the Management Plan.

5. *Policy Issues*

➤ Follow-Up to General Assembly Resolution 63/232 on Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System: Extension of the WFP Strategic Plan

During its Sixty-third Session in 2008, the United Nations General Assembly decided to change the Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System from a triennial to a quadrennial cycle, and to hold its next comprehensive policy review in 2012, with subsequent reviews on a quadrennial basis. The resolution urged the Executive Boards of the funds and programmes to carry out any required changes in order to align their planning cycles with the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review, including the implementation of mid-term reviews as necessary. A draft decision is submitted to the Board **for approval**.

6. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*

a) Audited Annual Accounts, 2008

The Annual Audited Accounts submitted to the Board, **for approval**, present a full set of financial statements and notes for 2008. They also contain a review by the External Auditor of the financial statements, which provides an independent



assessment for the Secretariat and the Executive Board of the management controls on which the Secretariat has relied for the preparation of annual financial statements.

The 2008 financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS). This is the first set of financial statements prepared under IPSAS; the Board, at its Annual Session in June 2006, approved the adoption of IPSAS effective January 2008. WFP is the first United Nations agency to implement IPSAS, in line with the approval of the High-Level Committee on Management that IPSAS be adopted by United Nations System organizations.

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

b) Appointment of Members to 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. It also agreed that members of the existing Audit Committee would continue serving until the end of their present mandate. This document, submitted **for approval**, puts forward the Executive Director's recommended candidates to fill those Audit Committee slots left open following the resignation or rotation of members.

c) Financial Framework Review

The Board will examine a paper outlining the major issues identified for the review, together with a timetable for their resolution. The document is submitted **for consideration**.

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

d) Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations

The report is presented **for consideration**. It includes response of the WFP Secretariat to recommendations contained in the report of the External Auditor on the annual audited accounts, 2008.

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

e) Report of the Inspector General

In accordance with Article VI (2) (b) (viii) of the WFP General Regulations, the Board will be provided with a report of the Inspector General on oversight activities **for consideration**, to be forwarded to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services, as established by Board decision 1996/EB.3/3. This eighth report of the Inspector General covers the period from January to December 2008. It presents the Inspector General and Oversight Services Division (OSD) and its core strategy; gives an overview of oversight activities, losses identified and amounts recovered; describes cooperation with other oversight bodies; and gives a preview of the work for 2009.



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

f) Fifth Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)

The Board will have before it, **for consideration**, the fifth and final report on the implementation of the Management Plan for 2008–2009. This update puts particular emphasis on changes in the Programme of Work since the fourth Management Plan update. The updated Programme of Work is presented together with an overview of the projected resource level required to fund it; forecast opening and closing balances of the Programme Support and Administrative (PSA) Equalization Account based on the approved appropriations; and projections for the unearmarked portion of the General Fund.

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

g) Annual Report of the WFP 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, which is submitted **for consideration**, covers the activities of the Audit Committee from 1 April 2008 through 31 March 2009. The closing date coincides with the finalization of the annual financial statements, a prime focus area of the Committee for the period under review.

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

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

In accordance with General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (g), this document is submitted to the Board **for information**. It contains information on 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.

i) Update on the WINGS II Project

This paper, submitted to the Board **for information**, is a report on the WFP Information Network and Global System (WINGS II) project, outlining the project's current activities and funding.

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



- j) Note on the process for the selection and appointment of the External Auditor for the term 1 July 2010–30 June 2016

The term of office of the present External Auditor is ending on 30 June 2010. Because the selection process is quite lengthy, special measures need to be taken before the Second Regular Session of 2009 to enable the Board to approve the appointment of an External Auditor at its First Regular Session in 2010. The Bureau will submit a note for approval by the Board on the measures proposed to approve the selection and appointment process of the External Auditor.

7. *Evaluation Reports*

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

- a) Annual Evaluation Report 2008

Further to the adoption of the Evaluation Policy by the Board at its Second Regular Session in 2008, this fourth annual evaluation report of the Office of Evaluation (OEDE) is submitted **for consideration**. It presents a synthesis of findings from seven evaluations managed by OEDE and completed in 2008. It also takes note of 12 decentralized evaluations and reviews carried out by regional bureaux and country offices in 2008. The report is divided into five main sections: i) evaluation findings; ii) strengthening the WFP evaluation system; iii) WFP evaluation activities in 2008; iv) outreach; and v) outlook.

- b) Summary Report on the Strategic Evaluation of the Effectiveness of WFP Livelihood Recovery Interventions

This strategic evaluation assesses the extent to which WFP recovery interventions achieve their stated and implicit livelihood recovery objectives; it is intended to inform both the design and implementation of future livelihood recovery programmes. The evaluation is based on a combination of desk analysis and field-based case studies of ongoing emergency operations (EMOPs) and protracted relief and recovery operations (PRROs) conducted in October and November 2008.

- c) Summary Evaluation Report Liberia PRRO 10454.0

Liberia PRRO 10454.0 is a single-country operation designed and implemented following a series of regional PRROs that provided an overall framework of assistance for Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. The first objective of the evaluation was to determine the degree to which stated project objectives were achieved and to assess the manner in which they were achieved.

The second objective was to draw lessons from the current operation to contribute to improved performance in the next phase of the Liberia PRRO, to begin in July 2009.

- d) Summary Evaluation Report Mozambique Country Programme 10446.0

The Mozambique country programme (CP) was approved by the Board in October 2006 for the period 2007–2009. The strategic focus of the CP was to strengthen national capacities to respond to the triple threat of food insecurity, HIV and AIDS, and weakening government capacities. The CP focuses on support to human capital through a component for education and children and a government capacity development component.



The evaluation provides an assessment of WFP support to: i) the education of the food-insecure school-aged population of Mozambique and ii) the Government's capacity to manage a national school feeding programme at national and sub-national levels. It also aims to inform decision-making about future food-for-education interventions in Mozambique, including a possible extension of the CP until 2010 to harmonize with the poverty reduction strategy and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF).

e) Summary Evaluation Report Burkina Faso PRRO 10541.0

In Burkina Faso, WFP, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Bank have joined forces to fight malnutrition. WFP plays a leading role through the implementation of PRRO 10541.0 whose objectives are to: i) reduce levels of moderate acute undernutrition among children under 3, pregnant and lactating women; and ii) enhance the Government's capacity to implement the National Plan of Action for Nutrition, in particular the aspects related to strengthening household food security and setting up a nutrition surveillance system. The evaluation assesses the extent to which these objectives have been achieved and whether there is room for improvement.

Operational Matters

8. *Draft Country Programmes*

In October 2002, the Board approved the harmonized procedure for country programme approval (WFP/EB.3/2002/4-B), in which draft country programmes would be reviewed by the Board at its Annual Session. Country programmes would then be posted on the WFP website and approved at the Second Regular Session on a no-objection basis; they would be discussed only if at least five Board members requested so in writing (WFP/EB.2/2003/INF/6). The following draft country programme is therefore submitted to the Board **for consideration**:

- Uganda 10807.0 (2009–2014)

9. *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:

- Madagascar Country Programme 10340.0

b) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

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

- Kenya 10258.3

c) 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:

- Ethiopia 10665.0



10. *Projects Approved by Correspondence*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, two PRROs approved by correspondence by the Executive Board since its First Regular Session in February 2009:

- Kenya 10666.0
- Uganda 10121.3

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

a) Budget Increases to Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2008)

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

b) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2008)

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

- Guinea-Bissau 10609.0
- Mali 10610.0
- Nepal 10058.6
- Zambia 10594.0

c) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2008)

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

d) Report on the Use of the Immediate Response Account (1 January–31 December 2008)

The Executive Board will have before it, **for information**, a report on the use of the Immediate Response Account during the period 1 January–31 December 2008.

12. *Organizational and Procedural Matters*

a) Collaboration on Administrative and Business Processes among FAO, IFAD and WFP

This paper, submitted **for information**, provides indications on progress made in collaboration on administrative and business processes among the three Rome-based United Nations agencies. It gives an account of the areas of current collaboration and a list of initiatives for potential joint working arrangements.

b) Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2009–2010)

Further to a request by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2004, an updated version of the Biennial Programme of Work (2009–2010) is presented **for information**.



13. *Administrative and Managerial Matters*

a) Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2008

The Executive Director submits to the Board, **for consideration**, a report on commodity losses incurred after delivery in recipient countries.

The report on post-delivery losses concerns country-specific and commodity-specific issues and describes the measures taken by WFP to keep post-delivery commodity losses to a minimum. The reporting period covered is 1 January to 31 December 2008. The report lists commodity losses by reason, commodity and country, covering losses equal to or greater than 2 percent of the total net cost of a given project. The largest losses, whether in terms of absolute or proportional net cost, insurance and freight value, receive specific mention in this report, as do significant but proportionately small losses in countries where large programmes are being implemented.

b) Update on WFP Food Procurement

At its 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 details on i) food procurement trends, ii) the impact of rising food costs, iii) WFP food procurement capacity, and iv) the most salient food procurement activities.

c) Statistical Report on WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document reflecting WFP staffing as at 31 December 2008. It provides the number of international professional staff and higher categories holding indefinite, continuing or fixed-term (one year or more) appointments at Headquarters and in country offices; junior professional officers and United Nations volunteers participating in WFP activities are also included. The report also provides statistics on gender and geographical distribution of WFP international professional staff and higher categories.

d) Information Note on Funding of Security Management Arrangements

At its Annual Session in 2005, the Board considered the document “Information Paper on the Implementation of New Security Arrangements” (WFP/EB.A/2005/12-D) and took note of the Secretariat’s intention to inform the Board periodically of progress and to report to the Board on any significant changes in WFP’s share of United Nations System costs or in the cost-sharing mechanism. This document is submitted **for information**.

e) WFP Security Report

At its Second Regular Session in 2007, the Board requested that the WFP security report be shared with Board members. This document, which is submitted **for information**, presents an analysis of significant security incidents involving WFP staff, assets and partners in 2008 along with statistical data on geographical distribution and types of security incidents.



14. *Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2009*

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 2009 is submitted **for endorsement**.

15. *Other Business*

- a) Report on the Joint Field Visit to Cambodia of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, 4–13 March 2009

A report on the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Cambodia, which took place from 4 to 13 March 2009, will be presented to the Board **for information**.

- b) Report on the Field Visit to Burkina Faso of the WFP Executive Board, 23–28 March 2009

A report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board to Burkina Faso, which took place from 23 to 28 March 2009, will be presented to the Board **for information**.

16. *Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations*

- Decisions and Recommendations of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2009

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