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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 2007. 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. *Strategic Statement 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 2006

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 2006 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) Progress Report on the Implementation of the Management Response to the External Evaluation of WFP's Enabling Development Policy

At its Second Regular Session in 2005, the Board took note of the "Response to the Evaluation of WFP's Enabling Development Policy" (WFP/EB.2/2005/4-A), and noted that WFP would require enhanced support from donors and national governments to implement the actions proposed in the document. The Board undertook to review progress on implementation of the response at a future session. This document, **for consideration**, will provide an overview of progress on the actions proposed or initiated set out in the document.

b) Time to Deliver – An update on WFP's Response to HIV and AIDS*

At its First Regular Session in 2003, the Board asked to be informed annually about the status of WFP HIV/AIDS activities and relations with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). The update is therefore submitted to the Board **for information**.



6. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*

a) Fourth Progress Report on the Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, a document containing an update on progress made in the implementation of IPSAS and proposing a change in the WFP General Rule XIII.6 on Valuation of Commodity Pledges and Services.

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

b) Funding of Employee Termination Payments

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, a proposal to establish a reserve for employee termination payments and to authorize the use of the reserve to meet such payments.

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

c) Update on the WFP Management Plan (2006–2007)

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the fifth report on the implementation of the Management Plan for 2006–2007.

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

d) Costs and Benefits of New Initiatives in Profile Raising: Report by the External Auditor

This report, **for consideration**, assesses whether WFP has managed its profile-raising effectively by considering the strategic approach to communications and the effectiveness of execution. It examines whether real benefits are being realized commensurate with the actual cost.

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

e) Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations

The Progress Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the External Auditor is presented **for consideration**.

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

f) Annual Accounts (2006)

The Annual Accounts, **for consideration**, are submitted in two parts: Part I presents a full set of financial statements and notes for 2006. The financial statements and notes for 2006 present interim financial information for the biennium 2006–2007. Part II contains a review of the unaudited financial statements by the External Auditor; it 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. It further considers the progress towards compliance with international accounting standards highlighting areas where enhancements to the management procedures are required.



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 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.

h) Update on Capacity Building (Strategic Objective 5)*

In approving the paper "Financial Framework for Strategic Priority 5 Implementation" (WFP/EB.1/2005/5-A), the Executive Board requested the Secretariat to provide an update on the financial resources being directed to new capacity-building activities. This paper, **for information**, complements the Annual Performance Report's section on Strategic Objective 5 with a more detailed report on the financial resources going to new capacity-building activities as well as the status of implementation of such activities.

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

i) Report on WFP's Investment Performance*

This document, **for information**, is presented in response to a request made by the Board upon the review of the "Report of the External Auditor on Treasury Management" (EB.1/2007/6-B/1) at its First Regular Session of 2007. It describes WFP's investment portfolios, investment strategy for each portfolio and investment performance since inception.

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

j) Status Report on WINGS II Project*

This paper, submitted to the Board **for information**, is a report on the WINGS II project, outlining the project's objectives, scope, current status and funding.

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



7. *Evaluation Reports*

The evaluation documents submitted under this item are presented to the Board **for consideration**. The Board is requested to take note of the reports and the associated matrixes summarizing the action taken so far by management in implementing the recommendations.

a) Summary Report of the Thematic Evaluation of School Feeding in Emergency Situations

The thematic evaluation of WFP school feeding in emergencies establishes the extent to which current practices are relevant and effective; identifies most common pitfalls, and proposes suggestions for improving future implementation. The evaluation is based on a combination of desk research and field-based case studies among WFP's ongoing PRROs and EMOPs. The latter were conducted between October and December 2006.

b) Summary Report of the Mid-Term Evaluation of the Southern Africa Regional PRRO 10310.0

The evaluation of the Southern Africa regional PRRO - "Assistance to Populations in Southern Africa Vulnerable to Food Insecurity and the Impact of AIDS" took place during November-December 2006 and covered seven countries. Its main findings included: (a) the need for a more assured funding base for assistance to the longer-term HIV-AIDS caseload of infected and affected persons; (b) that consideration be given to developing a social protection approach on an individual country PRRO basis in future and (c) the need for stronger technical support in several areas, including to HIV-AIDS interventions, particularly through developing stronger partnerships.

c) Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Indonesia 10069.1

In addition to accountability of results, the evaluation of this PRRO, undertaken in September 2006, contributed to the design of the future phase. Evaluation results show that the effectiveness of the operation could be increased by (i) encouraging greater convergence with related national programmes for health, education and infrastructure supported by bilateral and multilateral donors, and (ii) as a greater cohesion between PRRO programme components. WFP's commendable work on early-warning systems and on mapping for the Food Security Atlas and nutritional surveillance was highlighted as it contributes to an increased knowledge base and advocacy to influence government policy. WFP's efficient and timely responses to natural disasters suggest that it should maintain a presence in Indonesia which is prone to disasters.



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 it in writing (ref. WFP/EB.2/2003/INF/6). The following draft country programmes are therefore submitted to the Board **for consideration**:

- Cameroon 10530.0 (2008–2012)
- Honduras 10538.0 (2008–2011) – Postponed to the Second Regular Session, 2007
- India 10573.0 (2008–2012)
- Mali 10583.0 (2008–2012)
- Sierra Leone 10584.0 (2008–2010)

9. *Projects for Executive Board approval*

a) Development Projects

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

- Bhutan 10579.0
- Cambodia 10170.2
- Malawi 10581.0

b) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

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

- Democratic Republic of the Congo 10608.0
- Indonesia 10069.2
- Kenya 10258.2
- Occupied Palestinian Territory 10387.1

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

a) Budget Increases to Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director (1 July-31 December 2006)

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



b) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 July-31 December 2006)

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

- Burkina Faso 10541.1
- Ethiopia 10127.2
- Georgia 10211.1
- Nepal 10058.5
- Rwanda 10531.0

c) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 July-31 December 2006)

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

d) Report on the Use of the Immediate Response Account (1 January - 31 December 2006)

The Executive Board will also have before it, **for information**, a report on the use of the Immediate Response Account during the period 1 January–31 December 2006.

11. *Organizational and Procedural Matters*

a) Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2007–2008)*

Further to a request by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2004, an updated version of the Biennial Programme of Work (2007–2008) is presented **for information**.

b) Cooperation among United Nations Rome-based Agencies

Under this item, the Board will receive an oral briefing from the secretariat on current WFP cooperation with FAO and IFAD and possibilities for strengthening cooperation in the future. Member States are invited to offer their views on this subject. Board members may wish to review the section on Rome-based agency cooperation in the 2006 Annual Report to ECOSOC and the FAO council (WFP/EB.1/2007/4) as background for this discussion. This item is **for consideration**.

12. *Administrative and Managerial Matters*

a) Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2006

The Executive Director will submit to the Board, **for consideration**, a report on commodity 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 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 the calendar year 1 January to 31 December 2006. The report lists commodity losses by



reason, commodity and country as well as losses equal to or greater than 2 percent of the total net cost. The largest losses, both in terms of absolute and proportional net cost, insurance and freight value, receive specific mention in this report; significant but proportionally small losses in countries where large programmes are being implemented are also mentioned.

b) Statistical Report on WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a list of international professional staff and higher-level staff with contracts of one year or longer employed by WFP as at 31 December 2006. This includes WFP international professional staff, junior professional officers, United Nations volunteers and other categories of staff employed by WFP.

c) 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 information it contained, including the Secretariat’s intention to inform the Board periodically of progress and to report to the Board any significant changes in WFP’s share of costs or in the cost-sharing mechanism. This document is submitted **for information**.

d) Update on WFP 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**, gives an update on food procurement capacity.

13. *Summary of the work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2007*

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 2007 is submitted **for endorsement**.

14. *Other Business**

➤ Report of the Joint Field Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Liberia

A report on the joint visit of the Executive Board members of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Liberia (27 February 2007 – 4 March 2007) is presented to the Board **for information**.

➤ Report of the WFP Executive Board Members on their visit to Malawi and Zambia

A report on the visit of the WFP Executive Board members to Malawi and Zambia (29 January 2007 – 7 February 2007) is presented to the Board **for information**.

➤ Report of the WFP Executive Board Bureau Members on their visit to Sudan

A report on the visit of the WFP Executive Board members to Sudan (28 April – 3 May) is presented to the Board **for information**.

15. *Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations*