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BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (2007–2008)

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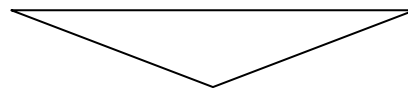
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1. Since 2005, the Biennial Programme of Work is submitted to the First Regular and Annual Sessions for information and to the Second Regular Session for approval. This document is therefore submitted to the Board for information.
2. The Biennial Programme of Work is a living document that is regularly updated on the basis of information received from the Secretariat and Board members; it is also reviewed regularly by the Bureau. Although items on governance issues will be discussed in the course of 2008, no session has yet been assigned to them, because the matter involves other United Nations agencies and discussions are ongoing in New York.
3. Items for information are not to be discussed unless a Board member requests it and the Chair accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time.
4. The draft of the FAO/IFAD/WFP Calendar of Governing and Other Bodies 2007-2008, is attached. It is prepared by the three organizations to harmonize their calendars of meetings.

DRAFT DECISION*



The Board takes note of the “Biennial Programme of Work (2007–2008) of the Executive Board” (WFP/EB.A/2007/11-A) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the Decisions and Recommendations document (document WFP/EB.A/2007/15) issued at the end of the session.



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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 (WFP/EB.A/2004/5-F). 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.

- *Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative (A)*

At its Second Regular Session in 2006, the Board asked the Secretariat for additional information about the Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative (ECHUI). This paper and its annexes include clarifications of WFP's role and estimated budget for its participation in the ECHUI workplan, the status of the Partners Group, milestones for 2007–2008, a draft workplan and timetable and terms of reference for the Steering Group and Secretariat. This report is submitted for approval; the revised draft of the Global Framework for Action is presented as an addendum to the report.

- *An Update on WFP Interventions in Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation (I)*

This paper, for information, summarizes WFP's existing policy framework for implementing measures to mitigate the impact of natural disasters. The paper also provides an update to the Executive Board on the range of programmes and actions undertaken by WFP to support preparedness and mitigation efforts in countries facing recurrent natural disasters.

EB.A/2007 (4–8 June)

- *Annual Performance Report for 2006 (A)*

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.

- *Progress Report on the Implementation of the Management Response to the External Evaluation of WFP's Enabling Development Policy (C)*

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.

- *Time to Deliver – An Update on WFP's response to HIV and AIDS (I)*

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.



EB.2/2007 (22–26 October)

- *Comprehensive Policy on Human Resources (C)*

As requested by the Board at its Second Regular Session in 2006, the Secretariat will provide a Comprehensive Policy on Human Resources to the Board for consideration.

- *Emergency Needs Assessment: Final Progress Report on the Implementation Plan and Next Steps (I)*

At its Second Regular Sessions in 2005 and 2006, the Board took note of the progress made in strengthening WFP's emergency needs assessments under the 30-month implementation plan (July 2004–December 2006), and was apprised of plans for a 12-month transition period (January–December 2007) to evaluate the outcomes and lay the groundwork for mainstreaming essential components into WFP's regular budget. This document, submitted to the Board for information, provides a final progress report on the implementation plan and outlines WFP's proposed strategy for maintaining core emergency needs assessment, analysis and preparedness capacities into the Biennial Management Plan (2008–2009).

- *Update of Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies (I)*

At its Annual Session in 2000, the Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in the Report on the Working Group on Governance (decision 2000/EB.A/6). Governance recommendation (d) established that WFP policy statements should be codified in a compendium. The "Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies" was first submitted to the Board at its Annual Session in 2002. A hard copy of the update of the Consolidated Framework is submitted to the Board for information. (An electronic update is available at the WFP website www.wfp.org)

- *Update on WFP's Engagement in Poverty-Reduction Strategies (I)*

This paper, for information, updates the Board on progress in WFP's engagement with poverty reduction strategies. Following approval in 2006 of the WFP policy paper "Engagement in Poverty Reduction Strategies" (WFP/EB.A/2006/5-B), a number of initiatives have been undertaken to provide guidance to country and regional offices in their efforts to engage in poverty reduction strategy processes. This paper describes these initiatives and outlines emerging strategic issues and challenges facing WFP.

EB.1/2008 (4-8 February)

- *Annual Report for 2007 to ECOSOC and the FAO Council (A)*

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EB.A/2008 (9-13 June)

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The Annual Performance Report for 2007 aims to present a relevant and credible analysis of WFP's performance in terms of the commitments made for the year as defined in the Strategic and Management Plans for 2006–2009.

- *Strategic Plan (2008–2011) (A)*

The Strategic Plan is the second of the governance tools agreed upon in 2000 to be presented to the Executive Board. The Strategic Plan guides all WFP activities by setting out the direction and objectives of WFP's work and the investment priorities for all organizational functions. This document is submitted to the Board for approval.



➤ *Gender Policy (2008–2012) (A)*

A new/revised Gender Policy will be developed on the basis of the results and recommendations of the Enhanced Commitments to Women comparative follow-up survey and the final evaluation of the Gender Policy 2003–2007. This document is submitted for approval.

➤ *Food for Work (A/C)*

One of WFP's strategic objectives - SO2 - is to protect livelihoods in crisis situations and enhance resilience to shocks. Food-for-work initiatives are central activities under this objective. Food-for-work schemes have long been employed by WFP to preserve essential assets during crises, to support recovery from crisis, to develop key physical and human assets, and as components of national safety-net programmes. This policy paper, submitted for consideration, provides a systematic review of design, implementation, and impacts of food-for-work activities within WFP. Based on this review, and on broad consultations within WFP and with partners, the paper also outlines key policy issues and challenges facing WFP in employing food for work to meet Strategic Objective 2.

➤ *Food for Training (A/C)*

This paper examines lessons learned from experience, including implementation of the commitment to ensure that women and adolescent girls constitute at least 70 percent of the participants in food-assisted training activities, articulated in the Gender Policy approved by the Board at its Third Regular Session of 2002.

➤ *Food for Education (A/C)*

This paper highlights the role that food aid interventions (including school feeding) can play in support of food for education objectives. The paper also clarifies the difference between food for education and school feeding.

➤ *Annual Update on HIV/AIDS (I)*

At its First Regular Session in 2004, the Board requested to be kept informed each year on the status of WFP HIV/AIDS activities and relations with UNAIDS. This annual update is submitted to the Board for information at its Annual session.

EB.2/2008 (27-31 October)

➤ *Update of Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies (I)*

At its Annual Session in 2000, the Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in the Report on the Working Group on Governance (decision 2000/EB.A/6). Governance recommendation (d) established that WFP policy statements should be codified in a compendium. The "Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies" was first submitted to the Board at its Annual Session in 2002. A hard copy of the update of the Consolidated Framework is submitted to the Board for information. (An electronic update is available at the WFP website www.wfp.org.)

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

EB.1/2007 (19–21 February)

➤ *Update on the WFP Management Plan (2006–2007) (A)*

This update to the Management Plan (2006–2007), the fourth such update submitted to the Board, provides an overview of WFP's position with regard to the operational budget presented in the Management Plan, an overview of the implementation of the Programme Support and Administrative (PSA) budget and the status of the PSA Equalization Account and the General Fund. It also outlines a policy on the treatment of variances between standard staff rates and actual staff expenditures. This document is submitted to the Board for approval.



➤ *Report of the External Auditor on Treasury Management (C)*

Since 2002, WFP has retained significant cash resources. Effective management control is needed to manage and safeguard such large cash assets and to provide WFP with resources to respond rapidly to new emergencies, support ongoing operations and finance obligations arising from past activity. The National Audit Office (NAO) has carried out an independent audit review of WFP's control and custody of cash balances and its arrangements for fund management. This report, submitted to the Board for its consideration, presents the conclusions and recommendations of the audit review.

➤ *Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations on 2004-2005 Operations (C)*

The follow-up report on implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor is presented for consideration.

➤ *External Audit of Funds and Programmes involved in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (A)*

In response to questions raised regarding operations of the United Nations system in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the Secretary-General proposed that an external audit of the Funds and Programmes involved in DPRK should be carried out. This paper, submitted for approval, outlines the implications of the Secretary-General's proposal for the World Food Programme and a proposed course of action.

EB.A/2007 (4–8 June)

➤ *Fourth Progress Report on the Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (A)*

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.

➤ *Funding of Employee Termination Payments (A)*

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.

➤ *Update on the WFP Management Plan (2006–2007) (A)*

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

➤ *Costs and Benefits of New Initiatives in Profile Raising: Report by the External Auditor (C)*

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.

➤ *Progress Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations of the External Auditor (C)*

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

➤ *Annual Accounts, 2006 (C)*

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.



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

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.

- *Update on Capacity Building (Strategic Objective 5) (I)*

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.

- *Report on WFP's Investment Performance (I)*

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.

- *Status Report on the WINGS II Project (I)*

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.

EB.2/2007 (22–26 October)

- *WFP Biennial Management Plan (2008–2009) (A)*

As per Financial Regulation 9.2, a Management Plan is to be submitted to the Board each financial biennium, at the last regular session in the second year of each financial period; the first Management Plan was presented to the Board at the Third Regular Session in 2003. As the Strategic Plan may not be finalized by the Second Regular Session of 2007, the Biennial Management Plan (2008–2009) will be based on the last Strategic Plan (2006–2009). The Management Plan would be updated at the Second Regular Session of 2008 should the new Strategic Plan entail significant reorientations for the Organization.

- *WFP Private Sector Fundraising Strategy (A)*

This paper, presented for approval, proposes a strategy aimed at attracting US\$200 million in cash by 2014, of which US\$50 million would be multilateral, from a balance portfolio of private corporations, foundations and individual donors. It also seeks Executive Board support for a financing arrangement which would cap and then eliminate the use of government donations to cover the cost of WFP's private sector fundraising activities.

- *Procedures for the Re-Appointment of the External Auditor (A)*

At its Second Regular Session in 2005, the Board invited the Bureau to prepare for a decision by the Board on changes to the Basic Texts, with a view to clarifying the procedures for re-appointment of the External Auditor. The proposed changes are submitted by the Bureau to the Board for its approval.

- *Report of the External Auditor on Management Matters (C)*

To draw attention to the priorities agreed by the Board, the External Auditor has selected areas of high importance in terms of their significance to the efficient and effective operation of WFP and the scale of resources devoted to them. Each report on management matters focuses on a single area and is submitted for consideration.

- *Progress Report on the Recommendations of the External Auditor (C)*

The follow-up report on implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor is presented for consideration.



➤ *Report on International Accounting Standards (I)*

The Board will have before it, for information, a progress report document on the transition to international accounting standards.

➤ *Status Report on WINGS II Project (I)*

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.

EB.1/2008 (4-8 February)

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➤ *Progress Report on the Recommendations of the External Auditor (C)*

The follow-up report on implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor is presented for consideration.

➤ *Update on the WFP Management Plan (I)*

The Board will have before it, for information, a report on the implementation of the Management Plan.

EB.A/2008 (9-13 June)

➤ *Biennial Audited Accounts (2006–2007) (A)*

In accordance with General Regulation XIV.6 (b), the Executive Director will submit to the Board, for approval, the biennial financial statements of WFP, together with the report of the External Auditor. The financial statements are submitted under cover of the Executive Director's report on the Financial Administration of WFP.

➤ *WFP Pledging Target, 2009–2010 (A)*

The Board will have before it, for approval, a document presenting the Executive Director's proposed pledging target for the 2009–2010 biennium, to be presented to the Pledging Conference jointly convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of FAO in the first week of November 2008.

➤ *Report of the External Auditor on Management Matters (C)*

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➤ *Progress Report on the Recommendations of the External Auditor (C)*

The follow-up report on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor is presented for consideration.

➤ *Report of the Inspector General (C)*

In accordance with Article VI (2) (b) (viii) of the WFP General Regulations, the Board will be provided with a biennial report of the Inspector General on oversight activities for consideration and forwarding to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), as established by Board decision 1996/EB.3/3.



- *Report on the Utilization of Contributions and Waivers of Costs (General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (g)) (I)*

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.

- *Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009) (I)*

The Board will have before it, for information, a report on the implementation of the Management Plan for 2008–2009.

- *Update on Funding for Effectiveness (I)*

In approving the paper "Funding for Effectiveness," the Board requested the Secretariat to report annually on progress, in response to which the Secretariat will provide an update on progress toward the goal of ensuring that 30 percent of all contributions to WFP are provided multilaterally, predictably, early in a donor's fiscal year and without restrictions as to their use. The Secretariat will provide to the board for information updated statistics on overall donor contributions and an analysis of progress toward meeting the target by the end of the biennium.

EB.2/2008 (27-31 October)

- *Report of the External Auditor on Management Matters (C)*

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- *Progress Report on the Recommendations of the External Auditor (C)*

The follow-up report on implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor is presented for consideration.

- *Analysis of WFP Cost Components (C)*

As requested by the Board at its Annual Session 2006, the Secretariat presents, for consideration, a paper on WFP's cost structure that analyses historical expenditures to determine the main cost drivers for each cost category and that shows the impact these drivers have on WFP's overall cost base.

- *Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009) (A)*

The Board will have before it, for approval, a report on the implementation of the Management Plan for 2008-2009, taking into account the orientations of the Strategic Plan for 2008-2011.

EVALUATION REPORTS

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

EB.1/2007 (19–21 February)

- *Summary Report of the Evaluation of Darfur EMOP 10339.0/1 (C)*

The evaluation covers the two initial phases of emergency operation (EMOP) 10339.0/1 and examines EMOP operations from April 2004 to December 2005. The evaluation was implemented in two phases, beginning in November 2005, including a first design phase undertaken by Tufts University. The evaluation builds on earlier evaluations, including an OCHA-led inter-agency real-time evaluation of humanitarian assistance to Darfur. This document is submitted to the Board for consideration.



➤ *Summary Report of the Mid-Term Evaluation of the India Country Programme (2003-2007) (C)*

The evaluation was conducted in April 2006 by a team of three independent international consultants. It assesses the extent to which the current CP, as implemented, has provided the best possible modalities for reaching the intended objectives, on the basis of results to date. The main purpose of the evaluation was to draw lessons from the capacity and model-building initiatives and advocacy efforts for the design of future WFP assistance to India, as well as for the design and planning of similar efforts in other countries and regions.

➤ *Evaluation of Indonesia Special Operation 10498.0 (I)*

At the request of the WFP Ocean Transport Services, this evaluation was conducted in July/August 2006 by two independent consultants. The WFP shipping service for Aceh and Nias in Indonesia was set up in October 2005 to facilitate delivery by sea and logistics coordination of material, in particular shelter material, for rehabilitation and reconstruction of people's livelihoods following the tsunami. The purpose of the evaluation was primarily to learn from the current operation and opportunities emerging from its implementation as well as to inform the design of any new phase.

EB.A/2007 (4–8 June)

➤ *Summary Report of the Thematic Evaluation of School Feeding in Emergency Situations (C)*

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.

➤ *Summary Report of the Mid-Term Evaluation of the Southern Africa Regional PRRO 10310.0 (C)*

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.

➤ *Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Indonesia 10069.1 (C)*

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.

EB.2/2007 (22–26 October)

➤ *Evaluation of the Strengthening Emergency Needs Assessment Implementation Plan (C)*

This evaluation is being undertaken at the request of the Emergency Needs Assessment Branch (ODAN). The main objective of the evaluation is to provide an external assessment of the progress made to improve the utility, credibility, transparency and quality of the ENA undertaken in WFP.

➤ *Evaluation of Haiti PRRO (C)*

The evaluation of this PRRO is planned for the fourth quarter of 2006. It will examine whether the intervention approach has adequately addressed the immediate food needs of those most affected by crises and helped them to recover their food security.

➤ *Evaluation of the Kenya Country Portfolio (C)*

This evaluation will provide a mid-term review of WFP's country programme in Kenya as well as a summative assessment of the 2004-2006 phase of the EMOP. It will be conducted in Kenya over the period February-March 2007, by a team of three international and two Kenyan national consultants. The objectives of the evaluation are three-fold: accountability, guidance and learning.



➤ *Evaluation of Ethiopia PRRO (C)*

The mid-term evaluation of the Ethiopia PRRO scheduled for November 2006 will examine, inter alia, the effectiveness of the intervention approaches and their potential impact on people's livelihood, including graduation from chronic vulnerability. The Ethiopia PRRO is currently one of WFP's largest operations globally.

EB.1/2008 (4-8 February)

➤ *Peer Review of the Evaluation Function in WFP (C)*

An external peer review of WFP's evaluation function will be conducted in 2007, taking into account the lessons learned from the recent peer reviews of the UNDP and UNICEF evaluation functions. The Office of Evaluation will be working with the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) in late 2006/early 2007 to develop the framework and Terms of Reference for this peer review.

➤ *Evaluation of Algeria PRRO (C)*

The evaluation of the PRRO 10172.1 in support of the Western Saharan refugees in Algeria is scheduled for the second half of 2007 and will assess the extent to which the operation's goals and objectives are being achieved. This will be the first OEDE evaluation of this long-running operation.

➤ *Evaluation of Colombia PRRO (C)*

The evaluation of this PRRO in support of internally displaced persons in Colombia is planned to contribute to the preparation of a possible new PRRO. Together with the country office and key stakeholders, a concept paper has been developed and a preparatory mission undertaken to identify the key issues. The evaluation mission will take place in February 2007.

EB.A/2008 (9-13 June)

➤ *Annual Evaluation Report (C)*

In the context of strengthening the evaluation function in WFP, the Annual Evaluation Report (AER) prepared by the Office of Evaluation, was introduced in 2005 for the Annual Informal Consultation on Evaluation. It provides a synthesis of findings from all evaluations completed in a given year, i.e. both by the Office of Evaluation and the regional bureaux and country offices and thus allows for an insight into generic and corporate issues that go beyond individual project evaluations. As it was considered an important and useful tool, Board members expressed the wish to discuss it more formally at the Annual Board Session and suggested to include the AER in the Board session's agenda. The AER is presented for consideration.

➤ *Thematic Evaluation of WFP's Response to Management of Emergencies (C)*

Following the meta and thematic evaluations of the Country Programme (2002) and PRRO (2004) programme categories, the Office of Evaluation plans to undertake a thematic evaluation of the EMOP programme category in 2007. This evaluation will look at generic issues relating to WFP's emergency interventions and will examine corporate progress made since 1999, when OEDE published a report entitled "Thematic Study of Recurring Challenges in the Provision of Food Assistance in Complex Emergencies".

➤ *End-of-term Evaluation of WFP's Enhanced Commitments to Women (C)*

In line with the Gender Policy (2003–2007), an end-of-term evaluation of WFP's enhanced commitments will be undertaken in late 2007/early 2008 and will assess the extent to which the gender policy has been applied and commitments implemented in WFP's operations. (Note: It is possible that this evaluation report may be postponed to EB.2/2008 if more time is required to finalize the field work).

➤ *Thematic Evaluation of WFP's HIV/AIDS Interventions (C)*

This thematic evaluation will take place during 2007 and intends to take stock of WFP's growing experience with regard to food assistance to HIV/AIDS affected populations, in order to identify best practices. The focus will be on strategic and operational approaches with regard to prevention, care and treatment. Targeting issues, particularly with regard to orphans and children will also be assessed.



OPERATIONAL MATTERS

EB.1/2007 (19–21 February)

Country Programmes (A)

In October 2002, the Board approved the harmonized procedure for CP approval (WFP/EB.3/2002/4-B), whereby draft CPs will be reviewed by the Board at the Annual Session in June. The CP will be then posted on the WFP website and approved at the Second Regular Session on a “no-objection” basis. Since the presentation of the following draft country programmes had to be postponed to the Second Regular Session in 2006, they are submitted for approval at the First Regular Session of 2007; they will be discussed if, and only if, five Board members or more request it in writing (ref. WFP/EB.2/2003/INF/6).

- Senegal
- Zambia

Projects for Executive Board Approval (A)

Development Projects

The Board will have before it, for approval, the following development project exceeding the Executive Director’s delegated authority:

- The Gambia

Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

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

- Uganda

Operational Reports

- *Final Report on the Ethiopia Drought Insurance Pilot Project (I)*

The Secretariat will present a final report on the Ethiopia Drought Insurance Pilot Project. This paper, presented for information, will cover the performance of the index and commercial contract over the entire contract period from March to October. The report will also discuss lessons learned, the completed implementation plan as well as the integration of drought insurance into Ethiopia's overall food security strategy in the future.

Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (I)

- *Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2006)*

The Board will have before it, for information, a document summarizing EMOPs approved by the Executive Director, or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO, under the authority delegated in subparagraph (b) of the Appendix to the General Rules.

EB.A/2007 (4–8 June)

Draft Country Programmes (C)

In October 2002, the Board approved the harmonized procedure for CP approval (WFP/EB.3/2002/4-B), whereby draft CPs will be reviewed by the Board at the Annual Session in June. The CP will then be posted on the WFP website and approved at the Second Regular Session on a “no-objection” basis; it will be discussed if, and only if, five Board members or more request it in writing (ref. WFP/EB.2/2003/INF/6). The following draft CPs will be submitted for consideration:

- Cameroon
- India
- Mali
- Sierra Leone



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
- Cambodia
- Malawi

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
- Indonesia
- Kenya
- Occupied Palestinian Territory

Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 July–31 December 2006) (I)

The Board may have before it, for information, (i) summaries of development projects and PRROs, and (ii) summaries of budget increases to development activities and PRROs approved by the Executive Director within his delegated authority. It will also have before it a report on the utilization of the Immediate Response Account (1 January-31 December 2006).

EB.2/2007 (22–26 October)*Draft Country Programmes (C)*

- Bolivia
- Honduras
- Nicaragua
- Rwanda

Country Programmes (A)

- Cameroon
- India
- Mali
- Sierra Leone

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:

- Cuba
- Haiti
- Lesotho
- Sri Lanka

Budget Increases to Development Projects

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

- Nepal



Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

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

- Cambodia
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Ethiopia
- Haiti
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Sri Lanka

Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 January–30 June 2007) (I)

The Board may have before it, for information, (i) summaries of development projects and PRROs and (ii) summaries of budget increases to development activities and PRROs approved by the Executive Director within his delegated authority. It may also have EMOPs approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO under the authority delegated in subparagraph (b) of the Appendix to the General Rules.

EB.1/2008 (4-8 February)

Country Programmes (A)

- Bolivia
- Honduras
- Nicaragua
- Rwanda

Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

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

- Colombia
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe
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Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (I)

- *Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2007)*

The Board will have before it, for information, a document summarizing EMOPs approved by the Executive Director, or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO, under the authority delegated in subparagraph (b) of the Appendix to the General Rules.

EB.A/2008 (9-13 June)

Draft Country Programmes (C)

In October 2002, the Board approved the harmonized procedure for CP approval (WFP/EB.3/2002/4-B), whereby draft CPs will be reviewed by the Board at the Annual Session in June. The CP will then be posted on the WFP website and approved at the Second Regular Session on a "no-objection" basis; it will be discussed if, and only if, five Board members or more request it in writing (ref. WFP/EB.2/2003/INF/6). The following draft CPs will be submitted for consideration:

- Niger

Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 July–31 December 2007) (I)

The Board may have before it, for information, (i) summaries of development projects and PRROs, and (ii) summaries of budget increases to development activities and PRROs approved by the Executive Director within his delegated authority. It will also have before it a report on the utilization of the Immediate Response Account (1 January–31 December 2007).



EB.2/2008 (27-31 October)

Country Programmes (A)

- Niger

Projects for Executive Board Approval (A)

Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

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

- Afghanistan

Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 January–30 June 2008) (I)

The Board may have before it, for information, (i) summaries of development projects and PRROs and (ii) summaries of budget increases to development activities and PRROs approved by the Executive Director within his delegated authority. It may also have EMOPs approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO under the authority delegated in subparagraph (b) of the Appendix to the General Rules.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

EB.1/2007 (19–21 February)

- *Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board, 2007–2008 (I)*

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.

EB.A/2007 (4–8 June)

- *Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board, 2007–2008 (I)*

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.

- *Cooperation among United Nations Rome-based Agencies (C)*

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.

EB.2/2007 (22–26 October)

- *Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board, 2008–2009 (A)*

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure, the Board will have before it, for approval, its Biennial Programme of Work for 2008–2009.

- *Replacement of Bureau members: Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (A)*

Amendments to Rule IV of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board are submitted to the Board for approval. They provide for gaps that could result from an early departure of the President, the Vice-President and/or of any other member of the Bureau.

- *Cooperation among United Nations Rome-based Agencies (C)*

The Board will have before it, for consideration, a paper entitled "Overview of Cooperation among the three Rome-Based Agencies". The document explores areas of existing cooperation, and sets forth suggestions for next steps on how to consolidate and enhance that cooperation.



EB.1/2008 (4-8 February) and EB.A/2008 (9-13 June)

- *Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board, 2008–2009 (I)*

Further to a request by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2004, an updated version of the Biennial Programme of Work (2008–2009) is presented for information.

EB.2/2008 (27–31 October)

- *Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board, 2009–2010 (A)*

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure, the Board will have before it, for approval, its Biennial Programme of Work for 2009–2010.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS**EB.1/2007 (19–21 February)**

- *Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit Relevant to the Work of WFP (C)*

The Board, by its decision 2002/EB.2/17, recommended that the document on Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) reports of relevance to the work of WFP, 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 2006;
- (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 its consideration.

EB.A/2007 (4–8 June)

- *Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the period 1 January–31 December 2006 (C)*

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.



➤ *Statistical Report on WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories (I)*

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.

➤ *Information Note on Funding of Security Management Arrangements (I)*

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.

➤ *Update on WFP Food Procurement (I)*

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, (i) provides statistics on food procurement, (ii) an update on food procurement capacity, and (iii) an analysis of the interplay between local, regional and international procurement.

EB.2/2007 (22-26 October)

➤ *Report by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) (I)*

Following the crash of the WFP aircraft directed to Kosovo in 1999, ICAO, at the request of the WFP Executive Director, undertook a first review of WFP air operations in November 2000. In August 2001, ICAO undertook a second review on the implementation of the 2000 recommendations. In October 2004, during the discussion of the External Auditor's report on WFP air operations, the Board requested that ICAO undertake a review of issues related to air safety in WFP air operations. This review, which will be finalized by mid-2007, will be submitted to the Board for information.

EB.1/2008 (4-8 February)

➤ *Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to WFP (C)*

The Board, by its decision 2002/EB.2/17, recommended that the 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 2007;
- (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 its consideration.

EB.A/2008 (9-13 June)

➤ *Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the period 1 January-31 December 2007 (C)*

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 2007. 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.



➤ *Statistical Report on WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories (I)*

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EB.2/2008 (27–31 October)

➤ *Review of the Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director (A)*

At its Second Regular Session in 2006, the Board endorsed the continuation of the increased delegation of authority to the Executive Director and requested that such delegation of authority be reviewed after two years at the Second Regular Session of the Board in 2008 to determine whether this procedure would be continued. This document, which will contain an analysis of the situation over the period involved and a recommendation to the Board, will be submitted for approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

EB.1/2007 (19–21 February)

➤ *Report on the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP (I)*

The report of the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, is submitted to the Board for information.

➤ *Report of the WFP Executive Board Members on their Visit to Egypt (I)*

The report on the visit by WFP Board members to Egypt will be submitted to the Board for information.

EB.A/2007 (4-8 June)

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

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 (I)*

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 (I)*

A report on the visit of the WFP Executive Board members to Sudan (28 April 2007 – 3 May 2007) is presented to the Board for information.

EB.1/2008 (4-8 February)

➤ *Report on the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP (I)*

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PROVISIONAL FAO/IFAD/WFP CALENDAR OF GOVERNING AND OTHER BODIES 2007-2008

	2007		2008	
JANUARY	117 FC	24		
FEBRUARY	ECOSOC 1	6	WFP	4-8
	IFAD/GC	12-16	ECOSOC 1	5
	WFP	19-21	IFAD/GC	11-15
MARCH	27 COFI	5-9	29 NERC	1-5
	Fisheries MM	10 (Tentative)	83 CCLM	17-18
	ForestryMM	12 (Tentative)	25 ARC	31/03 – 4/04
	18 COFO	13-16		
APRIL	81 CCLM	4-5	30 LARC	14-18
	IFAD/EB	16-20	IFAD/EB	21-25
	66 CCP	23-25		
	20 COAG	25-28		
MAY	33 CFS	7-10	29 APRC	19-23
	118 FC*	17-25	99 PC	26-30
	97 PC	21-25	120 FC	26-30
JUNE	WFP	4-8	WFP	9-13
	132 CL	18-22	26 ERC	23-27
JULY	ECOSOC 2	..	ECOSOC 2	..
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	119 FC	3-7	IFAD/EB	8-12
	98 PC	3-7	UNGA	16
	IFAD/EB	10-14	84 CCLM	29-30
	UNGA	18		
	82 CCLM	27- 28		
OCTOBER	WFD	16 (Tuesday)	121FC	6-10
	WFP	22-26	100 PC	6-10
			34 CFS	13-17
			WFD	16 (Thursday)
			WFP	27-31
NOVEMBER	133 CL	14-16	135 CL	17-21 (tentative)
	34 C	17- 24		
	134 CL	26		
DECEMBER	IFAD/EB	10-14	IFAD/EB	15-19

Easter: 8 Apr 07
 Ramadan begins: 13 Sept 07
 Eid Al-Fitr: 13 Oct 07
 Eid Al-Adha: 20 Dec 07

Easter: 23 March 08
 Ramadan begins: 2 Sept 08
 Eid al Fitr: 1st Oct 08
 Eid Al-Adha: 8 Dec 08

APRC Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific
 ARC Regional Conference for Africa
 C Conference
 CCLM Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
 CCP Committee on Commodity Problems
 CFS Committee on World Food Security
 CL Council
 COAG Committee on Agriculture
 COFI Committee on Fisheries
 COFO Committee on Forestry
 ECOSOC Economic and Social Council (1: Organizational session opens; 2: Substantive session opens)

ERC Regional Conference for Europe
 FC Finance Committee
 IFAD/EB IFAD Executive Board
 IFAD/GC IFAD Governing Council
 LARC Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
 MM Ministerial Meeting
 NERC Regional Conference for the Near East
 PC Programme Committee
 UNGA United Nations General Assembly (Opening)
 WFD World Food Day
 WFP World Food Programme Executive Board

* Dates changed

