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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 2006. 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. *Current and Future Strategic Issues*

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 2005

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”. Further, 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. An interim Annual Performance Report (APR) for 2003 (WFP/EB.A/2004/4-A) was submitted for consideration in 2004 and the Board recognized that it “reflected in its substance the scope and function of the new governance arrangements” (WFP/EB.A/2004/9). It was also noted that the APR, which meets the requirements set out in General Rule VII.2, will replace the Annual Report of the Executive Director, commencing with the APR 2004 (WFP/EB.A/2004/5-F).

The APR 2005 is the major accountability tool for monitoring and reporting on annual performance compared with the plans set out in the 2004–2007 Strategic and the 2004–2005 Biennial Management Plans. Part I of the APR discusses the strategic context in which WFP works and main challenges faced in 2005, as requested by the Board (Bureau meeting, December 2004). Part II provides highlights of WFP performance in 2005 with a focus on main results by strategic priority and five main operations. Part III highlights achievements for the five Strategic Priorities, including outcome-level results, and for the nine Management Priorities. Lessons are incorporated throughout the document in addition to a more in depth discussion of lessons in Part IV. The Annexes presents WFP's performance framework, and additional data on staffing, contributions and donors, food procurement, operational expenditures by region, country and category for 2005.

5. *Policy Issues*

a) Harmonized Country Programme Approach

The United Nations Development Group (UNDG) has developed options for improving the harmonized country programme approval process, in response to General Assembly resolutions calling for greater coherence of United Nations development activities at the country level. The Board decided at its Second Regular Session in 2005 that it would return to the Common Country Programme Approach at its Annual Session in 2006 at the latest, and invited the Bureau to examine with the assistance of the Secretariat how the Board's oversight and budget responsibilities could be safeguarded under this new approach. A document responding to this request and reflecting consultations among all the UNDG Executive Committee funds and programmes will be submitted to the Board **for approval**.

b) Engagement in Poverty Reduction Strategies

The paper, **for consideration**, considers the experience with and options for WFP engagement with Poverty Reduction Strategies on the basis of its comparative advantages. It places participation in the context of the ongoing reform of the United Nations system towards joint programming, harmonization and simplification and recommends options for further consideration.

c) The Role and Application of Economic Analysis in WFP

The paper, **for consideration**, defines the role and application of economic analysis in WFP; this includes formulating country programmes and operations, and designing sectoral strategies. It draws lessons from ongoing initiatives, including ensuring that WFP's activities support Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers and national sectoral development programmes and applying market analysis to the emergency needs assessment process.

d) Reports on HIV/AIDS:

➤ Five Years Later: An Update on WFP's Response to HIV/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**.

➤ Global Task Team Recommendations on Improving AIDS Coordination among Multilateral Institutions and International donors

In 2005, the UNAIDS Executive Board urged all governing bodies of its co-sponsors to consider and endorse the recommendations of the Global Task Team (GTT) on improving AIDS coordination among multilateral donors and international donors. The Recommendations of the Global Task Team are submitted to the Executive Board **for endorsement**. These recommendations have already been endorsed by the Executive Boards of all ten co-sponsoring agencies, and that of The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

e) The Evolution of Food Aid Sources* **withdrawn**

This paper, **for information**, reviews trends in the availability and sources of food aid, and the implications of those trends for WFP.



f) Progress Report on the Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative*

This paper, **for information**, summarizes further progress made in the design and development of the initiative between WFP, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other partners.

g) Management Response to the Evaluation of Mother and Child Nutrition Interventions*

The Summary Report of the Thematic Review of WFP-Supported Mother-and-Child Nutrition Interventions was discussed at the Board in February 2006 (WFP/EB.1/200/7-C). The Board requested a more detailed management response to the recommendations made in the report. This revised management response is therefore submitted to the Board **for information**.

h) Management Response to the Thematic Evaluation on Targeting*

The Summary Report of the Thematic Review of Targeting in Relief Operations was discussed at the Board in February 2006 (WFP/EB.1/2006/7-B). The Board requested a more detailed management response and implementation timeframe for the review recommendations. This revised management response is therefore submitted to the Board **for information**.

i) 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**, (i) provides statistics on food procurement in the first quarter of 2006, (ii) an update on food procurement capacity and the cost of beginning to augment this capacity, (iii) an analysis of the cereals markets in the eastern part of Africa from October 2005 to April 2006 and the interplay between local, regional and international procurement and (iv) information on the studies and analytical tools being developed to enhance understanding of the nature of food procurement activities.

6. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*

a) Audited Biennial Accounts 2004–2005

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.

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

b) WFP Pledging Target, 2007–2008

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, a document presenting the Executive Director's proposed pledging target for the 2007–2008 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 2006.

c) Review of Indirect Support Costs Rate

As requested by the Board at its Second Regular Session in 2005, the Secretariat will present **for approval** a review of the ISC rate, which will be a follow-up to the report presented at the First Regular Session of the Board in 2006 on ISC rate modalities.



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

d) Review of the Results-Based Management Framework for Monitoring and Reporting Results: Report by the WFP External Auditor

This management report, submitted by the External Auditor to the Board **for consideration**, provides the first element in a two-stage independent review of WFP's progress in implementing results-based management. This initial report looks at the framework established by the Secretariat to monitor and report results, and assesses it against established public-sector criteria.

e) Progress Report on the Recommendations of the External Auditor

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) 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 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.

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

g) Analysis of WFP Cost Components

As requested by the Board at its Second Regular Session 2005, the Secretariat will present, **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.

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

h) Report on WFP's Cash Balances

The Board will have before it a document providing information and analysis on the current level of cash balances. This document is submitted to the Board **for consideration**.

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

i) Second Progress Report on the Implementation of International Accounting Standards

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, a document on developments in the transition to international accounting standards, including information on the business plan and estimated budget for the implementation of the International Public-Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) project.

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



- j) 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.

- k) Update on the WFP Management Plan (2006–2007)

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, a 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.

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) Country Evaluation Reports

- Summary Report of the Mid-term Evaluation of Country Programme Bhutan 10133.0 (2002–2007)

The evaluation of Bhutan's first country programme in September/October 2005 reviews achievements at mid-term and suggests ways to enhance the impact of the programme, providing guidance for the future direction of WFP activities in Bhutan.

- Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Response to the Crisis in Niger in 2005

The evaluation of WFP's Response to the Niger Emergency, EMOP 10398.0 "Assistance to Populations Affected by the Drought and Locust Infestations in 2004", makes the distinction between the period before the humanitarian crisis (Harvest 2004 to July 2005) and the worsening of the crisis, and its management until December 2005.

- Summary Report of the Evaluation of PRRO Somalia 10191.0

The evaluation of the Somalia PRRO focuses on the relevance and effectiveness of intervention approaches in responding to vulnerability in the Somali environment. Issues such as gender, protection, monitoring and evaluation (M&E) and partnerships are also examined.



➤ Summary Report of the Evaluation of Country Programme Yemen 10137.0 (2002–2007)

The evaluation of the current country programme in Yemen, which aimed to assess on the basis of results to date the extent to which the programme as designed and implemented, has provided the best possible modalities of reaching intended objectives. With respect to findings regarding relevance, efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability, the evaluation provided leads for designing the next country programme.

b) Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Business Process Review

The Board will have before it a report evaluating the implementation of the Business Process Review (BPR) to date.

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**:

- Bangladesh 10410.0
- Chad 10478.0
- Egypt 10450.0
- Ethiopia 10430.0
- Guinea 10453.0
- Mozambique 10446.0
- United Republic of Tanzania 10437.0
- Yemen 10435.0

9. *Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations for Approval by the Executive Board*

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

- Somalia 10191.1

10. *Operational Reports*

a) Progress Report on the Ethiopia Drought Insurance Pilot Project

Further to its request at the Second Regular Session in 2005, the Board will have before it, **for consideration**, a progress report highlighting the initial results of the Ethiopia drought insurance pilot project.



- b) Progress Report on the Negotiations on the Letter of Understanding related to PRRO Democratic People's Republic of Korea 10488.0*

Further to its request at the First Regular Session in 2006, the Board will have before it, **for information**, a progress report on the negotiations on the Letter of Understanding related to Democratic People's Republic of Korea PRRO 10488.0.

11. ***Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 July-31 December 2005)***

- a) Budget Increases to Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director*

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*

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

- Bangladesh 10045.3
- Guinea Bissau 10148.2
- Nepal 10058.4

- c) Budget Increases to PRROs Approved by the Executive Director*

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 2005)

The Executive Board will also have before it, **for information**, a report on the use of the Immediate Response Account (1 January–31 December 2005).

12. ***Organizational and Procedural Matters***

- Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2006–2007)*

Further to a request by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2004, an updated version of the Biennial Programme of Work (2006–2007) is presented **for information**.

13. ***Administrative and Managerial Matters***

- a) Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2005

The Executive Director will submit to the Board, **for consideration**, a report on losses of commodities incurred after delivery in recipient countries.

This report, required annually, is in line with the request made by the 12th session of the Sub-Committee on Projects (SCP) in 1994, which “stressed the need for more informative reporting on losses sustained after delivery to recipient countries”. The 2000 Annual Session of the Executive 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”. As a follow-up to Board's recommendations, the Report on Post-Delivery Losses outlines the measures that the Secretariat put in place.



b) Composition of 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 2005. 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**.

14. *Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2006*

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 2006 is submitted **for endorsement**.

15. *Other Business*

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

A report on the joint visit of the Executive Board members of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Indonesia in March 2006 is presented to the Board **for information**.

16. *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.

* In accordance with the Board's decisions on governance approved at the 2000 Annual and Third Regular Sessions, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it well in advance of the meeting and the President accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time.