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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 Second Regular Session of 2005. 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*

- a) Under this item, the Executive Director will provide, **for the Board's consideration**, an oral presentation on strategic issues facing WFP.
- b) Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative

WFP, UNICEF and the World Bank, working in close consultation, have prepared a concept note entitled "Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative". This paper clarifies WFP's role as a catalyst in this Initiative and seeks the Board's approval for the allocation of resources for WFP to support the launch of the Initiative, particularly the design of the Plan of Action.

4. *Policy Issues*

- a) Response to the Evaluation of WFP's Enabling Development Policy

The Board approved WFP's Enabling Development Policy in May 1999, to focus WFP's development actions so that they work towards halving the number of undernourished people in the world by the year 2015 – one of the eight Millennium Development Goals. During 2003–2005, a group of donor countries including Canada, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Italy and the United States undertook an external evaluation of the implementation of the policy. In February 2005, an informal discussion was organized to share the preliminary findings with Board members. The Board will have before it **for consideration** WFP's management response to the main recommendations of the evaluation.

- b) WFP and the Voluntary Guidelines to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security

Following approval by the Committee on World Food Security and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in September 2004 of the internationally negotiated *Voluntary Guidelines*, and pursuant to discussions held at the Third Regular Session of the Board, in October 2004, the Board will have before it **for information*** a document outlining the relevance of the *Voluntary Guidelines* to the work of WFP.



c) The Governance Project

This report provides a concise account of the origins and outputs of the Governance Project, which was initiated in 2000. It summarizes and evaluates progress and results of the implementation of each of the recommendations approved by the Board with regard to governance of WFP. The conclusions indicate areas in which further work is recommended. This document is presented **for consideration** by the Executive Director and the Chair of the Steering Group on Governance.

d) Update of Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies

At its Annual Session in 2000, the Board approved the recommendations contained in the “Report of the Working Group on Governance” (decision 2000/EB.A/6). Governance Recommendation (d) established that the 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. The updated document is submitted to the Board **for information**.

e) Progress Report on the Emergency Needs Assessment Implementation Plan

At its Third Regular Session in 2004, the Board took note of the proposed 30-month implementation plan for strengthening WFP’s emergency needs assessments. This document provides an overview of progress and achievements to date and provides an outlook on the steps planned for the remaining period of this initiative. This document is submitted to the Board **for information**.

f) Annual Update on School Feeding

At its Third Regular Session in 2004, the Board asked to be kept informed each year at its Second Regular session as to the status of WFP school feeding activities. This annual update is submitted to the Board **for information**.

g) Update on the Implementation and Achievements of the MOU between WFP and NEPAD

The paper is prepared in response to the Board’s request during discussions at its 2004 First Regular Session on the “Information Note on WFP’s support for the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD)”. It includes the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) established on 19 November 2003 between NEPAD and WFP that the Secretariat submit at least biennially a progress report on implementation of the MoU, with particular focus on priorities selected for early action. The document is submitted **for information**.

h) United Nations Common Country Programme Approach: Implications for WFP

At its meeting on 26 September 2005, the Bureau of the Executive Board requested that the common country programme approach be discussed at the Second Regular Session of the Board to clarify issues such as WFP’s role and the Board’s oversight responsibilities.



5. *Resource, financial and budgetary matters*

a) WFP Biennial Management Plan (2006–2007)

At its Annual Session in 2000, the Board approved the recommendations contained in the “Report on the Working Group on Governance” (decision 2000/EB.A/6). Governance recommendation (f) established that a Management Plan would be submitted to the Board each financial biennium; the first Management Plan was presented to the Board at the Third Regular Session, 2003 . The “WFP Biennial Management Plan (2006–2007)” includes the evaluation budget and workplan for 2006–2007. The document is submitted to the Board **for approval**.

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

b) Funding for Effectiveness

This document responds to a request made by the Board at its Annual Session in 2004 for the Secretariat to provide information on the principles applied to the use of multilateral funding. The paper stresses the importance of multilateral contributions that can be used flexibly to respond to assessed needs, and requests donors to provide more or a greater proportion of them. The paper takes into account observations made during the informal consultation held earlier in 2005 and is submitted to the Board **for approval**.

c) International Accounting Standards

The Board will have before it **for consideration** a document discussing the implications of WFP adopting international accounting standards and presenting a work plan and timeframe for introducing them.

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

d) Appointment of the External Auditor

This paper presents to the Board **for approval** the recommendation of the Executive Board Bureau that the current External Auditor, the United Kingdom Comptroller and Auditor General, be re-appointed for a second four-year term from 1 July 2006 until 30 June 2010, as provided for in Financial Regulations 14.1 and 14.2.

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



e) WFP Enterprise Risk Management Policy

The paper “Best Practices in Oversight Mechanisms” (WFP/EB.3/2003/5–D/1), presented to the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2003 identified risk management as an important best practice in governance. The Board looked forward to development of a policy and an associated action plan for its consideration in October 2005 (decision 2003/EB.3/9). Further to a consultation earlier in 2005, the paper focuses on WFP's policy and strategy for implementing corporate risk management and 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) Follow-Up on the Recommendations of the External Auditor

The fourth progress report on the implementation of the recommendations in the 2002–2003 report of the External Auditor is presented 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.

g) Review by the External Auditor of the Dubai Support Office and Fast Information Technology and Telecommunications Emergency and Support Team (FITTEST)

The report, submitted to the Board **for consideration**, examines WFP's support office in Dubai, which offers worldwide transport solutions, non-food procurement, storage and cargo handling facilities to WFP offices and other organizations; it also examines the Fast Information Technology and Telecommunications Emergency and Support Team (FITTEST), also based in Dubai, which has responsibility to establish communications networks rapidly to enable the transport of food to the areas hardest hit in emergencies. The support office and FITTEST are new management and structural approaches to the delivery of aspects of the WFP's operations, which the report considers in the context of the management priorities set out in the “Strategic Plan (2004–2005)”.

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

h) Annual Report of the WFP Audit Committee

The WFP Audit Committee was reconstituted in July 2004. It comprises a majority of external members and is chaired by an external member. The committee met for the first time in August 2004; its terms of reference were later finalized and issued as an Executive Director's Circular in March 2005. In accordance with the revised terms of reference, the Audit Committee annually submits a report **for information** to the Board related to the work of the Committee for the previous year.

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



i) Report on the Business Process Review

As requested at the First Regular Session of 2005, the Board will have before it **for information** a progress report of the implementation of the new business model.

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

j) WFP's Communication and Advocacy Efforts in 2004–2005

The information note on Communications and Advocacy Activities in 2004 and 2005 is presented in response to a request made during the informal consultation on Fundraising and Communications during the Annual Session of the Board. It outlines WFP's strategy and achievements in this field during the current biennium.

6. *Evaluation reports*

a) Synthesis Review of the United Nations Joint Logistics Centre (UNJLC)

The evaluation synthesis, submitted to the Board **for consideration**, summarizes major findings and conclusions of the reviews of the UNJLC field operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Liberia and of the core unit at WFP. It contains a list of emerging issues arising from these reviews for inter-agency discussions, which will contribute to defining options for the future direction of the UNJLC.

b) Angola Portfolio Evaluation

The evaluation in early 2005 of Angola's portfolio of activities, composed of the protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) and related special operations, is a follow-up to the evaluation undertaken in late 2001. It examined relief and recovery strategies, coordination and partnership, the monitoring system and two cross-cutting issues – protection and gender. This evaluation is submitted to the Board **for consideration**.

c) Real-time evaluation of WFP's Response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami – December 2004 – June 2005

A real-time evaluation of the WFP response to the tsunami crisis was undertaken to cover the first six months' period of the regional emergency operation (EMOP) up to June 2005. The objectives were to assess the relevance of the design of the intervention and its progress towards achieving its objectives. The evaluation aimed to provide feedback to the operation from the sub-office level to Headquarters, drawing lessons on strengthening WFP's emergency preparedness and response and presenting a record of WFP's response and the view of external stakeholders on the quality of this response. The document is submitted to the Board **for consideration**.



Operational Matters

7. Country Programmes

a) Country Programmes for Executive Board approval

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 in June; country programmes would then be posted on the WFP website and approved at the Second Regular Session on a no-objection basis and would be discussed only if at least five Board members so requested in writing (ref. WFP/EB.2/2003/INF/6). The following country programmes are presented **for approval** on that basis:

- Burkina Faso 10399.0 (2006–2010)
- Ghana 10418.0 (2006–2010)
- Uganda 10426.0 (2006–2010)
- Draft Common Country Programmes

The Board will have before it **for information** the following draft common country programme document, which is also being submitted for approval to the Second Regular Session of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and UNICEF:

- Cape Verde (2006–2010)

A WFP-specific results matrix and summary budget table is presented as an addendum to the draft common country programme document.

8. 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:

- Development Pilot Project: Ethiopia Drought Insurance

b) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

The Board will have before it **for approval** the following PRROs:

- Afghanistan 10427.0
- Great Lakes Regional 10062.2
- Guatemala 10457.0

c) Budget Increases to PRROs

The Board will have before it **for approval** budget increases to the following PRROs:

- Indonesia 10069.1
- Southern Africa Regional 10310.0
- Sri Lanka 10067.1



9. ***Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters
(1 January-30 June 2005)***

a) Development projects approved by the Executive Director

The Board will have before it **for information** summaries of the following development projects approved within the delegated authority of the Executive Director:

- Cambodia 10170.1
- Djibouti 10385.0

b) Budget Increases to Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director

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

c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director

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

- Central African Republic 10189.1
- Djibouti 10283.1
- Haiti 10382.0
- Zambia 10071.2

d) Budget Increases to PRROs Approved by the Executive Director

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

e) Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO

The Board will have before it **for information** a summary of 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.

10. ***Organizational and Procedural Matters***

Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board, 2006–2007

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure, the Board will have before it, **for approval**, the Biennial Programme of Work for 2006–2007.



11. *Administrative and Managerial Matters*

Revised Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director for Approval of Projects and Budget Revisions for Development Portfolio

In line with the simplification and harmonization process, and to improve the operational efficiency of the development portfolio, the Board will have before it **for approval** a proposal to provide greater flexibility to approve revisions to country programme components within the Executive Director's existing country programme budget increase ceiling of US\$3 million in food cost, and to allow for programming additional directed resources for country programmes, keeping the Board regularly informed.

12. *Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2005*

In accordance with the Board's decision at its Second Regular Session in 1996 on its methods of work, the summary of the work of the Annual Session 2005 will be submitted **for endorsement**.

13. *Other Business*

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

