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Rome, 23–26 February 2004

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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 2004



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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Executive Board adopted the revised agenda as presented (Annex).

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Election of the Bureau of the Executive Board and Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Executive Board elected Mr Miguel Barreto (Peru, List C) as President for a one-year term.

The Board elected as Vice-President H.E. Poul Skytte Christoffersen (Denmark, List D). The election of the Vice-President would take effect as soon as Denmark was elected as a Board member by ECOSOC.*

The representatives of: Algeria, Mr Nasreddine Rimouche (List A); Bangladesh, Ms Nasrin Akhter (List B); and Slovakia, Mr Milan Paksi (List E) were elected as members of the Bureau, representing the other three WFP electoral lists for a one-year term.

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Ms Nasrin Akhter (List B) Rapporteur of the First Regular Session of 2004.

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The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, the main points of which will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2004/EB.1/1 Current and Future Strategic Issues

The Board took note of the Executive Director's oral presentation on strategic issues facing the Programme. The main points of the presentation, and the Board's comments, would be contained in the summary of the work of the session. The Board also took note of the statement of Mr Ruud Lubbers, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, on issues of mutual interest to UNHCR and WFP.

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* Denmark was elected as a Board member by ECOSOC on 27 February 2004



POLICY ISSUES

2004/EB.1/2 Emergency Needs Assessments

The Board took note of the information provided in document WFP/EB.1/2004/4-A on strengthening emergency needs assessments. It requested that the Secretariat provide an update on progress made in implementing these measures, along with a proposed implementation plan, including cooperation with other agencies, a timetable and budget implications, at the Third Regular Session in October 2004.

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2004/EB.1/3 WFP Policy on Staff Recruitment and Geographical Representation of Member States

The Board took note of the information submitted on the methodology used by WFP to establish appropriate geographical and gender representation among international professional staff as set out in document WFP/EB.1/2004/4-B/Rev.1 on policy issues. The Board requested that the opinions expressed during the discussion be taken into account in the context of the HR strategic management review, which the Secretariat would carry out as appropriate.

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2004/EB.1/4 Humanitarian Principles

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/4-C and approved the ten humanitarian principles that would be added to the Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies, taking into account comments made during the debate. The Secretariat was requested to submit to the Board at its next session, through the Bureau, a document for information on the substance of the statement on humanitarian principles.

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2004/EB.1/5 WFP Report on Follow-up to General Assembly Resolution A/RES/56/201: Triennial Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System

The Board took note of the information contained in the document WFP/EB.1/2004/4-D + Corr.1, and requested the Secretariat to play an active role in review of the Triennial Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System (TCPR). The Board decided that it would continue the discussion on this matter during the Annual Session in May 2004.



2004/EB.1/6 Update on WFP's Response to HIV/AIDS

The Board took note of the information contained in the document WFP/EB.1/2004/4-E, and indicated that it expected to receive in the future a series of updates in which the comments made during the discussion would be taken into account.

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2004/EB.1/7 Information Note on WFP's Support for NEPAD

The Board took note of the document WFP/EB.1/2004/4-F.

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RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2004/EB.1/8 Business Process Review: Pilot Financing Paper

The Board:

- a) took note that the obligation and commitment for the five pilot projects identified in document WFP/EB.1/2004/5-A/1 would commence with the approval of the projects by the Executive Board or jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO under their delegated authority; and
- b) approved the use of the Operational Reserve to finance the pilot projects on the basis of forecast contributions as an exception to its decision on the use of the Operational Reserve in WFP/EB.A/97/4-D, and took note of the Executive Director's decision to allow an exception to Financial Rule 110.1 to allow the use of the Operational Reserve for this purpose.

The Board of took note of the comments the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.1/2004/5(A,B)/2) FAO Finance Committee and the (WFP/EB.1/2004/5(A,B)/3).

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2004/EB.1/9 Basis for Calculation of Indirect Support Costs (ISC) on Ocean Transport Costs

Further to the recommendation of the External Auditor, the Board approved, on an exceptional basis, the exceptional measure adopted by the Executive Director to exclude the cargo preference premiums for ocean transport from the United States contributions consistent with the agreement reached on 30 October 2001 between the United States government and WFP, as described in document WFP/EB.1/2004/5-B/1. This approval is limited to the biennium ending 31 December 2003, and does not constitute a precedent for WFP's future treatment of donor contributions.



The Board stressed that this decision should not prejudge the outcome of any future discussion on the subject. In this regard, it invited the Secretariat to hold an informal consultation on the treatment of contributions.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABO (WFP/EB.1/2004/5(A,B)/2) FAO Finance Committee and the (WFP/EB.1/2004/5(A,B)/3).

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EVALUATION REPORTS

2004/EB.1/10 Summary Report of the Thematic Evaluation of the PRRO Category

The Board took note of the recommendations contained in the evaluation report WFP/EB.1/2004/6-A and of the interim management response set out in the annex. At its Annual Session in 2004, the Board would begin the examination of the final version of the measures taken by management, at which time it would take a decision on a process to be followed.

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REPORTS ON OPERATIONS—OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2004/EB.1/11 Information Note on the Special Operations (SO) Programme Category

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/7 and indicated that it would re-examine this topic at its Annual Session in May 2004.

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MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PORTFOLIO— OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2004/EB.1/12 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Armenia 10053.1

The Board approved Armenia PRRO 10053.1,"Relief andRecoveryAssistance forVulnerable(WFP/EB.1/2004/8-B/4 + Corr.1 and Corr.2).Groups"

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MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PORTFOLIO— EVALUATION REPORTS

2004/EB.1/13 Information Note on the Review of the United Nations Joint Logistics Centre (UNJLC) Operations in Iraq

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/6-B/1.



WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO—OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2004/EB.1/14 Development Project for Executive Board Approval—Benin 10308.0

The Board approved development project Benin 10308.0, "Promotion of Formal and Non-Formal Education of Children and Youth" (WFP/EB.1/2004/8-A/2).

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2004/EB.1/15 Development Project for Executive Board Approval— The Gambia 10311.0

The Board approved development project The Gambia 10311.0, "Support to Basic Education in Rural Vulnerable Regions" (WFP/EB.1/2004/8-A/1).

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ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO—OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2004/EB.1/16 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Nepal 10058.3

The Board approved Nepal PRRO 10058.3, "Food Assistance to Bhutanese Refugees in Nepal" (WFP/EB.1/2004/8-B/2).

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2004/EB.1/17 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Cambodia 10305.0

The Board approved Cambodia PRRO 10305.0, "Assisting People in Crisis" (WFP/EB.1/2004/8-B/1).

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2004/EB.1/18 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Indonesia 10069.1

The Board approved Indonesia PRRO 10069.1, "Assistance to Recovery and Nutritional Rehabilitation" (WFP/EB.1/2004/8-B/3).

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EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO—EVALUATION REPORTS

2004/EB.1/19 Information Note on WFP Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/6-B/2.



EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO—OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2004/EB.1/20 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations for Executive Board Approval—Sudan 10122.1

The Board approved Sudan PRRO 10122.1, "Food Assistance for Eritrean Refugees" (WFP/EB.1/2004/8-B/5).

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2004/EB.1/21 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval—Republic of the Congo 10312.0

The Board approved PRRO Republic of the Congo 10312.0, "Assistance to Populations Affected by Conflicts" (WFP/EB.1/2004/8-B/6).

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OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2004/EB.1/22 Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2003)

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/9.

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ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2004/EB.1/23 Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2004–2005)

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/10-A.

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2004/EB.1/24 Programming Food Aid in Urban Areas: Operational Guidance

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/10-B.

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2004/EB.1/25 Operational Guidelines on the Donation of Foods Derived from Modern Biotechnology

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/10-C.



2004/EB.1/26 Information Note on WFP's Security Upgrade Programme

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/10-D and looked forward to the Secretariat's next progress report on this topic at the Annual Session of the Board in May 2004.

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SUMMARIES OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2004/EB.1/27 Summary of the Work of the Third Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2003

The Board endorsed the draft summary of its Third Regular Session of 2003, the final version of which would be contained in document WFP/EB.3/2003/14.

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OTHER BUSINESS

2004/EB.1/28 Provisional Report on the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.1/2004/INF/6.

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2004/EB.1/29 Allowances for the Executive Director

Further to its decision 2002/EB.A/18 on the housing allowance of the Executive Director, the Board reviewed the level of the representation allowance of the Executive Director and decided that it would be set at US\$50,000 per year, thus bringing it into line with the allowances currently paid to the Director-General of FAO and to the President of IFAD.



ANNEX I

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- b) WFP policy on staff recruitment and geographical representation of Member States
- c) <u>Humanitarian principles</u>
- d) <u>WFP report on follow-up to General Assembly resolution A/RES/56/201: Triennial</u> <u>Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations</u> <u>System</u>
- e) <u>Update on WFP's response to HIV/AIDS*</u>
- f) Information note on WFP's support for NEPAD*
- 5. Resource, financial and budgetary matters
 - a) Business process review (BPR): pilot financing paper
 - b) Basis for calculation of indirect support costs (ISC) on ocean transport costs
- 6. Evaluation reports
 - a) <u>Summary report of the thematic evaluation of the protracted relief and recovery</u> <u>operations (PRRO) category</u>
 - b) <u>Information note on the review of the United Nations Joint Logistics Centre</u> (UNJLC) operations in Iraq*

 <u>Information note on WFP assistance to internally displaced persons in the</u> <u>Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)*</u>

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 - ➤ The Gambia 10311.0
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 - Cambodia 10305.0
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 - Nepal 10058.3



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- Sudan 10122.1
- 9. Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters (1 July-31 December 2003) <u>Emergency operations approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director</u> and the Director-General of FAO*
- 10. Organizational and procedural matters
 - a) Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2004–2005)*
 - b) Programming food aid in urban areas: operational guidance*
 - c) Operational guidelines on the donation of foods derived from modern biotechnology*
 - d) Information note on WFP's security upgrade programme
- 11. Summary of the work of the Third Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2003
- 12. Other business
- 13. Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations



^{*} 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.

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LIST OF DOCUMENTS

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4 d)	WFP report on follow-up to General Assembly Resolution A/56/201: Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system	WFP/EB.1/2004/4-D + Corr.1
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	Report of the FAO Finance Committee	WFP/EB.1/2004/5(A,B)/3
5 b)	Basis for calculation of indirect support costs (ISC) on ocean transport costs	WFP/EB.1/2004/5/B/1
	Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)	WFP/EB.1/2004/5(A,B)/2
	Report of the FAO Finance Committee	WFP/EB.1/2004/5(A,B)/3
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6 a)	Summary report of the thematic evaluation of the protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) category	WFP/EB.1/2004/6-A
6 b)	Information note on the review of UNJLC operations in Iraq	WFP/EB.1/2004/6-B/1
	Information note on WFP assistance to internally displaced persons in the Democratic Republic of the Congo	WFP/EB.1/2004/6-B/2
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	Nepal 10058.3	WFP/EB.1/2004/8-B/2
	Indonesia 10069.1	WFP/EB.1/2004/8-B/3
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9	Emergency operations approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2003)	WFP/EB.1/2004/9
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10 a)	Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2004–2005)	WFP/EB.1/2004/10-A
10 b)	Programming food aid in urban areas: operational guidance	WFP/EB.1/2004/10-B



Provisional agenda item	Title of agenda item and document	Document symbol
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10 d)	Information note on WFP's security upgrade programme	WFP/EB.1/2004/10-D
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	Work Plan for the WFP Executive Board First Regular Session, 2004	WFP/EB.1/2004/INF/2/Add.1
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	Report of the Executive Director on senior staff movements (1 October 2003–31 January 2004)	WFP/EB.1/2004/INF/5
	Provisional Report of the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP	WFP/EB.1/2004/INF/6
	Streamlining Board documentation	WFP/EB.1/2004/INF/7

 \ast To be issued after endorsement by the Executive Board at its next session.



ANNEX III

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS (AS OF 26 FEBRUARY 2004)

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