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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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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 Third Regular Session of 2002. 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. ***Election for vacant positions in the Bureau and Appointment of the Rapporteur.*** Following changes in the membership and composition of the WFP Executive Board Bureau as a result of the departure of the President and one member, the Bureau proposed that the Board elect, at its Third Regular Session of 2002 and for the remaining term of office, new Bureau members for the vacant positions, in accordance with Rule IV.4 of the Rules of Procedure.

The members of the Bureau to be elected shall be chosen from the relevant Lists of States Members, as defined in Appendix A to the General Regulations of WFP.

Pursuant to Rule XII.1, 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 the Board's consideration**, an oral presentation of strategic issues facing the Programme.
4. ***Policy Issues***
 - a) **WFP Gender Policy**

WFP has prepared a Gender Policy based on an intensive review of experiences with the implementation of the WFP Commitments to Women (1996–2001) made at the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, on consultations with partner organizations, and on the recommendations of the Thematic Evaluation of the Commitments to Women (WFP/EB.3/2002/6/6). The WFP Gender Policy, which is submitted to the Board **for approval**, will propose enhanced commitments to women for the period 2003–2007.
 - b) **Review of programme harmonization and programming processes with reference to WFP's programme cycle**

At an informal consultation in May 2002, the Executive Board discussed the Issues and Options paper on the Harmonization of Programming Processes, and requested the Secretariat to prepare a detailed paper, taking into account the recommendations from its discussions, to be presented at its Third Regular Session in October 2002. This paper, submitted to the Board **for approval**, identifies WFP-specific adjustments, while proposing a procedure for programme approval similar to that of UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF.
 - c) **WFP Policy on Donations of GM/Biotech Foods**

Following a request received on 12 September 2002 from the Government of the Netherlands, the Executive Board will have before it, **for consideration**, a paper on the existing WFP policy with regard to donations of food derived from biotechnology (GM/Biotech foods). The Board will consider both the policy currently in effect and potential follow-up measures.



5. *Financial and Budgetary Matters*

a) Audited Biennial Accounts (2000–2001)

In accordance with General Regulation XIV.6(b), the Executive Director submits to the Board, **for approval**, the biennial financial statements of WFP, together with the reports of the External Auditor. The financial statements are submitted under cover of the Executive Director's statement on the biennial accounts.

WFP's Audited Biennial Accounts for 2000–2001 are composed of the following:

- i) Report of the Executive Director on the Financial Affairs of the Programme;
- ii) Opinion of the External Auditor and the Audited Financial Statements for 2000–2001;
- iii) Long-form Report of the External Auditor with Comments on Financial and Management Matters;
- iv) Progress Report on the Implementation of Recommendations in the 1998–1999 Report of the External Auditor. At the Third Regular Sessions of 2000 and 2001, the Executive Director presented to the Board progress reports on actions taken by the Programme in the implementation of recommendations made by the External Auditor in his report on the 1998–1999 financial statements. This paper constitutes a final report on the actions taken and progress made to date in the implementation of those recommendations. Any outstanding items are incorporated in the progress report on the 2000–2001 audit recommendations;
- v) Progress Report on the Implementation of Recommendations in the 2000–2001 Report of the External Auditor. In this section of the report, the Executive Director will present to the Executive Board specific responses to the recommendations of the External Auditor in his 2000–2001 audit report, as well as actions that had already been taken during the biennium or that will be taken in the future.

In accordance with WFP's General Regulations, Article XIV.4, the Audited Biennial Accounts (2000–2001) have been presented to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and the FAO Finance Committee for their advice. Their comments and recommendations will also be submitted to the Board **for information**.

b) Report on Budgetary Performance (2000–2001)*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, the Executive Director's Report on Budgetary Performance for 2000–2001. The report contains performance information relating to expenditures on both operational and support costs for the aforementioned biennium.

In accordance with WFP's General Regulations, Article XIV.4, the report has been presented to the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee for their advice. Their comments and recommendations will also be submitted to the Board **for information**.

* In accordance with the Executive Board's decisions on governance, approved at the Annual and Third Regular Sessions of 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.



c) Final Report on the Analysis of the Indirect Support Cost (ISC) Rate

At its Annual Session of 2002, the Executive Board considered the document Preliminary Review of the Indirect Support Cost (ISC) Rate (WFP/EB.A/2002/6-A/1), which set out the methodology for charging and calculating ISC to fund the programme support and administrative (PSA) budget and meet full-cost recovery. The Board decided to keep the current ISC rate for 2002, pending its review and decision at this Session, and agreed on a series of “next steps”, which would enable the Secretariat to complete the final report, which is hereby presented to the Board **for approval**.

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

d) Final Report on WFP’s Cash Balances

In the context of discussions by the Executive Board on the document entitled Cash and Investment Management (WFP/EB.1/2002/4-A/1) at its First Regular Session of this year, the Secretariat was requested to provide both a detailed analysis of reasons for the current level of cash balances and recommend what the appropriate level should be. This analysis 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, and the comments of the (outgoing) External Auditor.

e) Final Report on Projects Closed Prior to 2001 and Migrated to WINGS

At the First Regular Session of the Executive Board of this year, the document Balances of Projects Closed Prior to 2001 and Migrated to WINGS (WFP/EB.1/2002/4-B/1) was submitted for approval. The Board took note of this preliminary report on the status of the financial balances of closed projects migrated to WINGS and of the actions being taken by the Secretariat to complete the analysis and discussions with donors to clear all contributions and balances of these closed projects, and looked forward to the outcome of this exercise, which 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, and the comments of the (outgoing) External Auditor.

f) Report of the Office of the Inspector-General

In accordance with WFP’s General Regulations, Article VI.2(b) (viii), the Report of the Office of the Inspector-General for the period 2000–2001 is hereby submitted to the Executive Board **for consideration**. The Board may wish to provide its comments, which together with the report will be forwarded to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services, as established by Board decision 1996/EB.3/3.

6. **Evaluation Reports.** Evaluation documents submitted under this item are presented to the Board **for consideration**. The Board is requested to note the reports and the associated Information Notes summarizing the actions taken by management to implement the recommendations.

- ◇ Mid-Term Evaluation of Country Programme—El Salvador (1998–2002)
- ◇ Mid-Term Evaluation of Country Programme—Kenya (1999–2003)



- ◇ Mid-Term Evaluation of Country Programme—Lesotho (2000–2002)
- ◇ Mid-Term Evaluation of Country Programme—Madagascar (1999–2003)
- ◇ Mid-Term evaluation of Country Programme—Niger (1999–2002)
- ◇ Evaluation of Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation, Great Lakes Regional 6077.00 and 6077.01
- ◇ Evaluation of Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation, Iran 6126.00
- ◇ Thematic Evaluation of WFP's Commitments to Women (1996–2001)
- ◇ Thematic Evaluation of the WFP Country Programme Approach
- ◇ Thematic Evaluation of Special Operations

In accordance with current practice, for any Executive Board session at which more than one document for a country is to be considered (evaluation reports and operational documents), these documents will be presented consecutively and discussed together.

Operational Matters

7. ***Country Strategy Outlines.*** The Executive Board's views are invited on the following document, submitted **for consideration**:

- ◇ El Salvador
- ◇ Kenya
- ◇ Niger

8. ***Country Programmes.*** The Executive Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following Country Programmes:

- ◇ Cameroon (2003–2007)
- ◇ Ethiopia (2003–2006)
- ◇ Haiti (2003–2006)
- ◇ Mali (2003–2007)
- ◇ Mauritania (2003–2008)

9. ***Projects for Executive Board Approval***

a) Budget increases to development projects

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

- ◇ Côte d'Ivoire 3358.02
- ◇ Kenya CP 10009.0

b) Protracted relief and recovery operations

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following protracted relief and recovery operations exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- ◇ Central America Regional 10212.0
- ◇ Eritrea 10192.0
- ◇ Georgia 10211.0



- ◇ Great Lakes Regional 10062.1
- ◇ Iran 10213.0
- ◇ Somalia 10191.0
- ◇ West Africa Coastal 10064.1

c) Budget increases to protracted relief and recovery operations.

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, budget increases to the following protracted relief and recovery operations exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- ◇ Angola 10054.1
- ◇ Sri Lanka 10067.0

10. *Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 January–30 June 2002)*

a) Development projects approved by the Executive Director*

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

- ◇ Cambodia 10170.0

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 within the delegated authority of the Executive Director.

c) Protracted relief and recovery operations approved by the Executive Director*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a summary of the following protracted relief and recovery operation approved within the delegated authority of the Executive Director:

- ◇ Albania 10165.0

d) Budget increases to protracted relief and recovery operations approved by the Executive Director*

The Executive Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing budget increases to protracted relief and recovery operations approved within the delegated authority of the Executive Director.

e) Emergency operations approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO*

The Executive Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing emergency operations 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.



11. *Organizational and Procedural Matters*

Provisional Programme of Work of the Executive Board, 2003–2004

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure, the Board will have before it, **for consideration and approval**, its Provisional Programme of Work for the period 2003-2004. In accordance with its decisions 2000/EB.A/6 and 2000/EB.3/1, during the review of the Provisional Programme of Work, the Board should also:

- ◇ Advise on the purpose of each document (for approval, for consideration, or for information);
- ◇ consider the case for an occasional symposium on food aid;
- ◇ identify subjects that would benefit from being handled through an informal consultation before being brought to the Board for decision;
- ◇ look back on its operations over the previous 12 months; and
- ◇ decide if pre-session briefings should be arranged for the following year, and if so, on which subjects.

12. *Summaries of the Work of the Second Regular and Annual Sessions of the Executive Board, 2002.* In accordance with the Executive Board's decision at its Second Regular Session in 1996 on its methods of work, the Summaries of the Work of the Second Regular and Annual Sessions of 2002 will be submitted **for endorsement**.

13. *Other Business.* Representatives and the Executive Director may wish to raise further matters of interest to the Executive Board.

14. *Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations.* The Executive Board will have before it a draft document containing all decisions taken and recommendations made at its current session, for verification of their accuracy.

