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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 1999

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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Executive Board adopted the agenda as proposed (Annex I).

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Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Ms Seija Toro (Finland) Rapporteur of the Annual Session of 1999.

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The decisions and recommendations that form the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations; the main points will be reflected in the Summary of the Work of the Board for the present Session.

ANNUAL REPORTS

1999/EB.A/1 Annual Report of the Executive Director: 1998

The Board approved the Annual Report of the Executive Director: 1998 (WFP/EB.A/99/3-A/1) and its two Appendices—Issues arising from the implementation of the United Nations Secretary-General's Reform Programme and Implementation of the provisions of the Comprehensive Triennial Policy Review; Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits; Follow-up to special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance—(WFP/EB.A/99/3-A/2 and Corr.1 and WFP/EB.A/99/3-A/3, respectively). It recommended that in drafting future annual reports the Secretariat include analyses of lessons learned and problems encountered.

The Board commended the Executive Director on the report, as well as the work carried out by WFP in 1998. It welcomed the additions of the Appendices to the Annual Report.

The Board paid tribute to the WFP staff members who lost their lives in 1998, in their efforts to save those of so many others.

It encouraged WFP to continue to play a full part in the United Nations Reform process, and to strengthen its collaboration with multilateral organizations and NGOs.

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POLICY ISSUES

1999/EB.A/2 Food Aid and Development

The Board considered the document "Enabling Development" (WFP/EB.A/99/4-A) and expressed its appreciation for the year-long consultation process concerning food aid for development. The process has been open, thorough and participatory. The Board appreciated the sharpened programme focus embodied in the recommendations. It looked forward to implementation of the policy directives and regularly reviewing progress throughout the implementation phase.

The full discussion on food aid and development, the concerns expressed by Board members and detailed guidance from the Board on implementation will be reflected in the Summary of the Work of the Board for the present Session.

Bearing this in mind, the Board approved the following recommendations as contained in the document:

"WFP should provide assistance **only** when and where food consumption is inadequate for good health and productivity. If there is no problem of food consumption, food aid is not needed.

Each and every WFP development intervention will use **assistance with food consumption to encourage investment, and leave behind a lasting asset**—a physical asset or human capital—which will help the community or household after the food is gone.

These **lasting assets**, as well as the short-term consumption effects of food aid, should benefit poor, food-insecure households.

WFP will limit its development activities to the following objectives, which will be selected and combined in Country Programmes in accordance with the specific circumstances and national strategy of the recipient country:

- Enable young children and expectant and nursing mothers to meet their special nutritional and nutrition-related health needs
- Enable poor households to invest in human capital through education and training
- ♦ Make it possible for poor families to gain and preserve assets
- Mitigate the effects of natural disasters, in areas vulnerable to recurring crises of this kind
- Enable households which depend on degraded natural resources for their food security to make a shift to more sustainable livelihoods

Geographic targeting should be used to concentrate resources on food-insecure areas within recipient countries. Generally speaking, these will be low-productivity rural areas, areas prone to recurring natural disasters, and areas vulnerable to wide fluctuations in production and periodic food shortages. WFP will also work, as appropriate, in urban and peri-urban areas with high concentrations of malnutrition. In many cases, **further targeting** will be undertaken to identify intended beneficiaries within these geographic areas. Anthropometric and other indicators will be used, as appropriate, to identify potential participants. In other situations, other appropriate indicators, household food economy surveys, group-based targeting or self-selection will be utilized.

Timeliness will be treated as an aspect of targeting, as effectiveness involves providing assistance at the right time—and phasing out when food aid is no longer needed. More specifically:

- WFP will endeavour to intervene early—providing assistance before food-insecure households have sold their assets; contributing to good nutrition for young children because good nutrition is particularly important in early childhood; using food to help children attend primary school and learn; assisting the poor to use natural resources in a sustainable manner before these are irretrievably degraded.
- Seasonality will be explicitly taken into account during the design of all development interventions.
- ◊ In areas prone to wide fluctuations in food security, WFP programming will take into account the fact that assistance is needed some years but not others.

WFP will make greater efforts to understand participants' problems and needs and to use clear and objective **indicators to signal when help is needed, and also when it is time for phasing out**.

WFP will normally make use of **participatory approaches** to understand beneficiaries' needs, involve beneficiaries in identifying activities suited to their situation, and obtain feedback on results.

The special role of food aid is to bring poor people to development opportunities. Accordingly WFP will be proactive in seeking out partnerships.

In all its activities, WFP will emphasize **cost-effectiveness**, to be considered in terms of the development results to be achieved rather than delivery costs. There will be a **focus on results**, in line with programme objectives. Monitoring and reporting will be made more result-oriented.

New approaches will be tried and monitored, and the results integrated into wider programming more systematically and promptly.

The emphasis on innovation will be accompanied by the application of more **rigour in design to raise the quality** of WFP-assisted projects."

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ANNUAL REPORTS

1999/EB.A/3 Annual Report of the Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council on Its Activities: 1998

The Board approved the Annual Report of the Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council on its activities in 1998 (WFP/EB.A/99/3-B and Corr.1). It recommended that the report be forwarded to ECOSOC and the FAO Council.

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POLICY ISSUES

1999/EB.A/4 WFP Commitments to Women: Mid-term Review of Implementation

The Board considered the recommended strategies for intensified actions presented in WFP's Commitments to Women: Mid-term review of implementation (WFP/EB.A/99/4-B). The Board recommended that expenditures incurred in mainstreaming gender into the programming and implementation of WFP activities be funded from the Programme Support and Administrative budget. WFP was encouraged to continue to be pro-active in promoting gender concerns and to strengthen cooperation with other agencies, with the aim of sharing the lessons it has learned and learning from others. The Board also encouraged WFP to strengthen its focus on the strategic needs of women.

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FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

1999/EB.A/5 Strategic and Financial Plan (2000–2003)

The Board commented on and endorsed the general orientation and the ten priorities of the Strategic and Financial Plan, 2000–2003 (WFP/EB.A/99/5-A/1). The Board approved the preparation of a consolidated 2000–2001 budget of approximately 2.6 billion US dollars for activities, including programme support and administrative costs as necessary but totalling not more than 195 million dollars, for consideration at its Third Regular Session in October 1999.

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1999/EB.A/6 Budgetary Performance Report for 1998

The Board took note of the Budgetary Performance Report for 1998 (WFP/EB.A/99/5-B/1), and appreciated the information provided therein.

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1999/EB.A/7 Financial Management Improvement Programme (FMIP)

The Board considered the document on FMIP (WFP/EB.A/99/5-C/1), and approved the following recommendations:

- that the initial 10 million dollars advance from the General Fund to FMIP, approved by the Executive Board in October 1997, be converted into a grant; and
- that the unfunded balance, up to an overall FMIP cost ceiling of 37 million dollars, be covered through a further grant from the General Fund (at present this totals 6.6 million dollars).

The Board requested that efforts continue to be made to secure additional contributions, and to carefully manage the costs of FMIP through to its completion.

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EVALUATION WORK PLAN: 1999–2000

1999/EB.A/8 Evaluation Work Plan: 1999–2000

The Board took note of and agreed with the general thrust of the Evaluation Work Plan: 1999–2000 (WFP/EB.A/99/6). It encouraged, for all interventions, the adoption of a results-based framework which includes clear objectives, measurable performance indicators, baseline data, impact evaluation and management feedback systems. The Board reiterated the need to undertake a thorough review of WFP's monitoring and evaluation principles and methods in relation to all programme categories. Keeping in mind the study of monitoring and evaluation planned within the Enabling Development initiative, the Bureau was asked to compile suggestions for a discussion paper.

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ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1999/EB.A/9 Report of the Working Group on the Distribution of Seats of the Executive Board

The Board considered the Report of the Working Group on the Distribution of Seats of the Executive Board (WFP/EB.A/99/7). Noting General Assembly resolution 53/223, it endorsed the amendment to Appendix B of WFP's General Regulations proposed by the Working Group (Annex II to the present report). The Board requested the Secretariat to forward the draft parallel resolution to the FAO Council for onward transmission to the FAO Conference.

18 May 1999

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

1999/EB.A/10 Report on Post-delivery Losses for the Period 1 October 1997-30 September 1998

The Board considered the Report on post-delivery losses for the period 1 October 1997 to 30 September 1998 (WFP/EB.A/99/8-A), commended WFP's continued efforts to reduce losses and encouraged the Programme to increase endeavours to further reduce such losses.

The Board recommended that WFP:

- a) continue to inform the relevant governments of the Board's concern when losses exceed two percent of the total quantity handled in a given year;
- b) work closely with recipient governments to recover losses; and
- c) ensure that the Basic Agreements with recipient countries are amended to encourage a swift and effective response to losses.

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1999/EB.A/11 Composition of WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories

The Board took note of the Personnel Statistics Report on the Composition of WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories (WFP/EB.A/99/8-B) and commended the Secretariat for its frankness and openness in providing information.

The Board encouraged the Secretariat to maintain its active approach to the distribution of external vacancy announcements.

The Board urged the Secretariat to continue to pursue a balance in recruiting women and nationals from economically developing countries.

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1999/EB.A/12 Report on Common Premises

The Board took note of the Progress Report on the United Nations House Programme (WFP/EB.A/99/8-C). It recommended that special attention be given to issues of security, cost-effectiveness and benefits of coordination in implementing the United Nations House Programme.

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OTHER BUSINESS

1999/EB.A/13 Resource Mobilization Strategy

The Board took note of the Secretariat's proposal for consultations on a Resource Mobilization Strategy (WFP/EB.A/99/INF/11).

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1999.EB.A/14 Report of the Working Group on Governance

The Board was informed of the progress achieved by the Working Group on Governance, as reported by its Chairperson.

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ANNEX I

AGENDA

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- 3. Annual Reports
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4. Policy Issues

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- b) WFP Commitments to Women: Mid-term Review of Implementation

5. Financial and Budgetary Matters

- a) Strategic and Financial Plan (2000–2003)
- b) <u>Budgetary Performance Report for 1998</u>
- c) <u>Financial Management Improvement Programme (FMIP)</u>
- 6. Evaluation Work Plan: 1999–2000
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8. Administrative and Managerial Matters

- a) <u>Report on Post-delivery Losses—October 1997–September 1998</u>
- b) <u>Composition of WFP International Staff—Personnel Statistics Report</u>
- c) <u>Report on Common Premises</u>

9. Other Business

Resource Mobilization Strategy

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10. Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations

ANNEX II

DRAFT PARALLEL RESOLUTION ON THE REVISION OF THE GENERAL REGULATIONS OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME, FOR TRANSMISSION TO FAO COUNCIL

Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme

The Council

Recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The Conference,

Recalling its Resolution 9/95 of 1 November 1995, concerning the revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme,

Noting Resolution 53/223 adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 7 April 1999, on the revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme,

- 1. *Decides*, subject to the concurrence of the General Assembly of the United Nations, that the members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme shall be elected on an interim basis for a term of three years from among the States included in the lists set out in the Basic Texts of the World Food Programme, in accordance with the following distribution of seats, it being understood that this allocation of seats creates no precedent for the composition of other United Nations bodies of limited membership:
 - a) Eight members from the States included in list A, four members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and four by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
 - b) Seven members from the States included in list B, four members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and three by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
 - c) Five members from the States included in list C, two members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and three by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
 - d) Twelve members from the States included in list D, six members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and six by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
 - e) Three members from the States included in list E, two members to be elected by the Economic and Social Council and one by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
 - f) One additional member rotating among the States included in lists A, B, and C to be elected by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the pattern of rotation shall be as follows:

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- i) A State from list A is to be elected to occupy the additional seat every other term out of four, starting from 1 January, 2000;
- ii) A State from list B is to be elected to occupy the additional seat the second term out of four, starting from 1 January, 2003;
- iii) A State from list C is to be elected to occupy the additional seat the fourth term out of four, starting from 1 January, 2009;
- 2. *Decides* that the above-mentioned distribution of seats shall be reviewed two years before the end of one full rotation scheme of four terms, as referred to in paragraph 1 (f) of the present resolution. Such a review shall be in accordance with the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 50/8, taking into account the relevant inputs of the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the result of the review shall enter into force on 1 January 2012;
- 3. *Decides further* that, subject to concurrence of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the revised General Regulations shall enter into force on 1 January 2000.

ANNEX III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Provisional agenda item	Title of agenda item and document	Document symbol
Adoption of		
1	Annotated Provisional Agenda	WFP/EB.A/99/1
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3 a)	Annual Report of the Executive Director: 1998	WFP/EB.A/99/3-A/1
	Appendix 1	WFP/EB.A/99/3-A/2 + Corr.1
	Appendix 2	WFP/EB.A/99/3-A/3
3 b)	Annual Report of the Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council on Its Activities: 1998	WFP/EB.A/99/3-B + Corr.1
Policy Issues 4 a)	Enabling Development	WFP/EB.A/99/4-A
4 b)	WFP Commitments to Women: Mid-term Review of Implementation	WFP/EB.A/99/4-B
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5 a)	Strategic and Financial Plan (2000–2003)	WFP/EB.A/99/5-A/1
	Comments of the FAO Finance Committee	WFP/EB.A/99/5-A/2
	Comments of the ACABQ	WFP/EB.A/99/5-A/3
5 b)	Budgetary Performance Report for 1998	WFP/EB.A/99/5-B/1
	Comments of the FAO Finance Committee	WFP/EB.A/99/5-B/2
	Comments of the ACABQ	WFP/EB.A/99/5-B/3
5 c)	Financial Management Improvement Programme (FMIP)	WFP/EB.A/99/5-C/1

	Comments of the FAO Finance Committee	WFP/EB.A/99/5-C/2
	Comments of the ACABQ	WFP/EB.A/99/5-C/3
Evaluation V	Vork Plan: 1999–2000 Evaluation Work Plan: 1999-2000	WFP/EB.A/99/6
Organizatio 7	nal and Procedural Matters Report of the Working Group on the Distribution of Seats of the Executive Board	WFP/EB.A/99/7 + (*F only)
Administrati 8 a)	ve and Managerial Matters Report on Post-delivery Losses for the Period 1 October 1997–30 September 1998	WFP/EB.A/99/8-A
8 b)	Composition of WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories	WFP/EB.A/99/8-B
8 c)	Report on Common Premises	WFP/EB.A/99/8-C
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	Provisional Timetable	WFP/EB.A/99/INF/2
	Provisional List of Documents	WFP/EB.A/99/INF/3
	Offices and Telephone Numbers	WFP/EB.A/99/INF/4
	The Causes of Conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa	WFP/EB.A/99/INF/5
	Report by the Human Resources Division on Senior Staff Movements, 1 January–30 April 1999	WFP/EB.A/99/INF/6
	Provisional List of Participants	WFP/EB.A/99/INF/7
	WFP and the Year 2000 (Y2K) Problem	WFP/EB.A/99/INF/8
	Report by the Human Resources Division on Recruitment in the Professional Grades, 1 January–31 March 1999	WFP/EB.A/99/INF/9

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WFP/EB.A/99/INF/11

Explanatory note

The following conventions have been used in the preparation of this list:

(A) Arabic

(E) English

(F) French

(S) Spanish

* Re-issued for technical reasons

ANNEX IV

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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