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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 2000

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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

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

22 May 2000

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Ms Ines Maphutheho Ranooe (Lesotho) Rapporteur of the Annual Session of 2000.

22 May 2000

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 of which will be reflected in the Summary of the Work of the Board for the present Session.

ANNUAL REPORTS

2000/EB.A/1 Annual Report of the Executive Director: 1999

The Board unanimously approved the Annual Report of the Executive Director: 1999 (WFP/EB.A/2000/3-A, Corr.1 (English only), Corr.2 and Corr.3). The Secretariat noted the comments made by the Board and would act upon them as appropriate.

The Board paid tribute to those WFP staff members who lost their lives in 1999, in their efforts to save those of so many others.

The Board acknowledged the appointment of the Executive Director, Ms C. Bertini, as Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on the Drought in the Horn of Africa. It recognized her personal capabilities as well as those of WFP staff in discharging their responsibilities to meet the needs of the hungry poor.

22 May 2000

2000/EB.A/2 Annual Report of the Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council on Its Activities

On the recommendation of the Bureau, and taking note that the reporting obligations of the Board under General Regulation VI.3 would be thus fulfilled, the Board decided that, henceforth,

the Board's Annual Report to ECOSOC and the FAO Council would consist of the following:

- a) A covering note containing the decision taken by the Board with respect to the Annual Report of the Executive Director;
- b) The Annual Report of the Executive Director; and
- c) The Board's decisions and recommendations for the same year.

22 May 2000

POLICY ISSUES

2000/EB.A/3 Emerging Issues Relevant to WFP

The Board considered the report on Emerging Issues Relevant to WFP (WFP/EB.A/2000/4-A), and commented as follows:

- a) In discussing the issue of **Working with the Military**, the Board took note of the variety of views expressed by representatives which underlines the importance of WFP working within the United Nations framework, and with full respect for state sovereignty, as well as the need to work in a neutral and impartial way;
- b) In discussing **Disease and Food Insecurity**, the Board noted the significant human and economic damage caused by HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis and agreed that WFP, in collaboration with other relevant partners, should explore specific areas of effective intervention consistent with its mandate;
- c) With regard to **Communications**, the Board underlined the importance to WFP and its partners of ratifying the Tampere Convention. The Board noted that, should there be consideration of enhancing WFP's role in providing communications support to operating partners, there would be need for further discussion within the Board.

23 May 2000

2000/EB.A/4 Implementation of the Enabling Development Policy: Interim Progress Report

The Board took note of the Interim Progress Report on the Implementation of the Enabling Development Policy (WFP/EB.A/2000/4-B). It recommended that future progress reports include analyses of how implementation was proceeding and mention constraints that had been encountered.

22 May 2000

2000/EB.A/5 WFP Principles and Methods of Monitoring and Evaluation

The Board endorsed the report on WFP Principles and Methods of Monitoring and Evaluation (WFP/EB.A/2000/4-C).

The Board requested the Secretariat to take fully into account, in future work, comments and observations made by representatives.

22 May 2000

2000/EB.A/6 Report of the Working Group on Governance

The Board considered the Report of the Working Group on Governance (WFP/EB.A/2000/4-D) and expressed great appreciation for the comprehensive study of the subject matter. It took note of the recommendations listed in paragraph 3 of the Report and, endorsing recommendations k to w, recommended that the Bureau constitute a successor Working Group for further consideration of recommendations a to j and related paragraphs.

As envisaged in paragraph 27 of the Report, the development of governance tools should proceed by means of an informal consultative process leading to Board consideration and ratification. For each tool the process should begin with the production of a short paper outlining the options for change, with the attendant advantages and disadvantages. The arguments for change would thus be considered case by case. The decision to embark on the process implied no commitment by the Board to the form and content of the individual governance tools.

The various suggestions made for the handling of Board business should be incorporated in the papers considered by the Board when it conducts its first review of its forward programme of work (recommendation r of the Report) in October 2000.

24 May 2000

FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2000/EB.A/7 Rating System of the Criteria for the Selection and Appointment of the WFP External Auditor

The Board approved the time frame and rating system of proposals for the selection and appointment of the WFP External Auditor contained in document WFP/EB.A/2000/5-A, as detailed in the tables below.

TIME FRAME AND SELECTION PROCESS		
Milestone event	Time frame	Action by
Invitation for proposals	June 2000	Bureau
Receipt of proposals	September 2000	Bureau
Completion of evaluation (short-listing) of proposals	January 2001	Bureau
Solicitation of comments from FAO Finance Committee and ACABQ	May 2001	Bureau
Oral presentation and final evaluation	June 2001	Bureau
Appointment by the Board	October 2001	Board

RATING SYSTEM OF PROPOSALS	
Criteria	Rating weight (%)
Technical	90
—Independence	15
—Qualifications of officials and staff	25
—Training and experience	20
—Audit approach and strategy	20
—Audit reports	10
Cost	10
Total	100

23 May 2000

2000/EB.A/8 Pledging Target: 2001-2002

The Board approved the Executive Director's recommendation for a Pledging Target of US\$2,595,000,000 for 2001-2002 (document WFP/EB.A/2000/5-B) which covers WFP's development activities, protracted relief and recovery operations and emergency operations. The Board decided that the Executive Director present the target to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of FAO, with a request that the Pledging Conference be convened in November 2000.

23 May 2000

EVALUATION WORK PLAN: 2000–2001**2000/EB.A/9 Evaluation Work Plan: 2000–2001**

The Board took note of and agreed with the general thrust of the Evaluation Work Plan: 2000–2001 (WFP/EB.A/2000/6).

23 May 2000

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS**2000/EB.A/10 Report on Post-delivery Losses for the Period 1 October 1998-30 September 1999**

In considering the Report on Post-delivery Losses for the Period 1 October 1998 to 30 September 1999 (WFP/EB.A/2000/7-A and Corr.1), the Board noted WFP's continued efforts to reduce such losses. It 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.

23 May 2000

2000/EB.A/11 Composition of WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories—Personnel, Statistics Report as at 31 December 1999

The Board took note of the Report on the Composition of WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories as at 31 December 1999 (WFP/EB.A/2000/7-B and Corr.1), and commended the Secretariat for providing such a detailed report. The Board praised the Secretariat for attempting to achieve a better gender and geographical balance, and urged WFP to pursue its efforts in this area.

24 May 2000

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 - a) Emerging Issues Relevant to WFP
 - b) Implementation of the Enabling Development Policy: Interim Progress Report
 - c) WFP Principles and Methods of Monitoring and Evaluation
 - d) Report of the Working Group on Governance
5. *Financial and budgetary matters*
 - a) Rating System of the Criteria for the Selection and Appointment of the WFP External Auditor
 - b) Pledging Target (2001-2002)
6. *Evaluation Work Plan 2000-2001*
7. *Administrative and managerial matters*
 - a) Report on Post-delivery Losses for the Period 1 October 1998–30 September 1999
 - b) Composition of WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories—Personnel Statistics Report as at 31 December 1999
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9. *Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations*

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3 a)	Annual Report of the Executive Director: 1999	WFP/EB.A/2000/3-A + Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2, Corr 3
3 b)	Annual Report of the Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council: 1999	
Policy Issues		
4 a)	Emerging Issues Relevant to WFP	WFP/EB.A/2000/4-A
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4 d)	Report of the Working Group on Governance	WFP/EB.A/2000/4-D
Financial and Budgetary Matters		
5 a)	Rating System of the Criteria for the Selection and Appointment of the WFP External Auditor	WFP/EB.A/2000/5-A
5 b)	Pledging Target: 2001–2002	WFP/EB.A/2000/5-B
Evaluation Work Plan: 2000-2001		
6	Evaluation Work Plan: 2000–2001	WFP/EB.A/2000/6
Administrative and Managerial Matters		

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7 a)	Report on Post-delivery Losses for the Period 1 October 1998–30 September 1999	WFP/EB.A/2000/7-A+Corr 1
7 b)	Composition of WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories— Personnel Statistics Report as at 31 December 1999	WFP/EB.A/2000/7-B + Corr.1
Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations		
9	Decisions and Recommendations of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2000	WFP/EB.A/2000/9
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	Report by the Executive Director on Senior Staff Movements (1 January–30 April 2000)	WFP/EB.A/2000/INF/6
	Report by the Executive Director on Recruitment in the Professional Grades (1 January–31 March 2000)	WFP/EB.A/2000/INF/7

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

ANNEX III

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Members of the Executive Board

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