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# ANNUAL SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD



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1. Adoption of the agenda. The Executive Director has prepared and circulated the provisional agenda (document WFP/EB.A/96/1) which is based on the programme of work of the Executive Board for 1996, approved at its First Regular Session (document WFP/ExB.1/96/4). The Executive Board may, by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, amend the agenda by deletion, addition or modification of any item.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt its agenda with any amendments it deems desirable.

- 2. Appointment of the Rapporteur(s). The Executive Board may wish to appoint from among its representatives one or more Rapporteur(s).
- 3. Statements. Under this item, the Board will hear a statement by the Executive Director. Her statement will include updated information on the status of WFP's activities, highlighting the critical issues involved. The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of FAO, or their representatives, may also wish to make statements.
- 4. Annual report of the Executive Director. In accordance with WFP General Regulation 18(b), the Executive Director will submit under this item her annual report for 1995 (document WFP/EB.A/96/4), which has been prepared in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of FAO. This year's report has as its theme "Ending the inheritance of hunger: Food aid for human growth". The report contains an account of WFP's activities in the pursuit of this objective, as well as a review of its policies and programmes, resource availability, logistics operations and highlights of other activities and achievements.

The Board may wish to consider and approve the Executive Director's report.

5. Report of the Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council on the activities of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (CFA) in 1995. In accordance with WFP General Regulation 12 and paragraph 29 of Annex I to United Nations General Assembly resolution 48/162, the Board is required to report annually to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) and to the Council of FAO. To assist the Board in this task, the Executive Director is submitting a draft (document WFP/EB.A/96/5) on the activities of its predecessor body in 1995, which may form the basis for the Board's report.

The Board may wish to adopt this report for onward transmission to ECOSOC and the Council of FAO.

6. **Reform and revitalization measures in the World Food Programme.** At its First Regular Session, the Executive Board approved the programme of work for 1996, which included an item on reform and revitalization measures in WFP. The Board will have before it a paper (document WFP/EB.A/96/6), showing the wide-ranging reforms initiated and approved by the CFA and the parallel management measures introduced by the Secretariat in support of these policy and directional reforms.

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The Board is invited to review this report and, if in agreement, to adopt it for onward transmission to ECOSOC and the Council of FAO.

7. Reports to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The Board may wish to take note of, and transmit with its comments to ECOSOC, document WFP/EB.A/96/7 (Parts I-IV) which is being submitted in compliance with ECOSOC resolutions 1994/33, 1995/50, 1995/51 and 1995/56 in the new common reporting format agreed upon by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the World Food Programme.

#### Part I Follow-up to the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 44/211, 47/199 and 50/120

General Assembly resolution 50/120 builds on the earlier resolutions 44/211 and 47/199. It requests the executive heads of the funds and programmes to submit a yearly progress report to their governing bodies on measures taken and envisaged for the implementation of these resolutions. This report addresses the following three major areas common to these resolutions from the perspective of WFP: (a) coordination; (b) programming matters; and (c) management, personnel and finance matters.

## Part II Follow-up to Economic and Social Council decision 1995/50: Collaboration with the Bretton Woods institutions

ECOSOC decided at its substantive session in 1995 (resolution 1995/50, operative paragraph 6) that the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment in 1996 should focus on strengthening collaboration between the United Nations development system and the Bretton Woods institutions in the areas of social and economic development, at all levels, including the field level. This was subsequently confirmed in United Nations General Assembly resolution 50/120 (paragraph 48).

In compliance with these resolutions, and as announced at the Fortieth Session of the CFA (document CFA 40/9), the Programme is submitting a paper reviewing its collaboration with the Bretton Woods institutions in (a) policy matters and (b) in operational activities at the country level.

#### Part III Follow-up to Economic and Social Council decision 1995/51

Further to the preliminary discussion of ECOSOC decision 1995/51 at the Fortieth Session of the CFA, the Secretariat is submitting a report on the themes of monitoring, evaluation, national capacity for management and coordination of international assistance, and cost-effectiveness of administrative services.

### Part IV Follow-up to Economic and Social Council decision 1995/56: Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations

The Executive Director provided an interim report (document CFA 40/9) at the Fortieth Session of the CFA on the implementation of ECOSOC decision 1995/56. The Board will now have before it a more comprehensive report responding to the indicative list of issues for consideration by the governing bodies of the United Nations entities addressed by that resolution, with particular attention being given to issues of roles and responsibilities of the entities concerned. A further report, expected to be submitted to the Board at its Third Regular Session in 1996, will focus more extensively on issues of response capacity.

8. **Resource and financial matters.** Budgetary performance report 1994-95: Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it, for information, the Executive Director's report on budgetary performance, 1994-95 (document WFP/EB.A/96/8). The report will have been presented, in accordance with WFP's General Regulation 29 (d), to the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and the FAO Finance Committee for their advice. The report contains performance information relating to expenditures on operations, as well as on the Programme Support and Administrative (PSA) Budget 1994-95.

#### 9. Administrative matters

#### a) <u>Composition of WFP international professional staff</u>

The Board will have before it, for information and comments, a list of all international professional staff (document WFP/EB.A/96/9-A) with fixed-term or continuing contracts by organizational unit at Headquarters and for each country office. In addition, statistics will be provided on nationality and gender by grade level as well as representation of developed and developing countries by nationality and gender.

b) <u>Refurbishing of WFP Headquarters' building</u>

The Board will have before it, for information and comments, a report (document WFP/EB.A/96/9-B) on the Headquarters refurbishing project detailing the magnitude and list of works that are envisaged to be carried out. The report also outlines the administrative and legal requirements for the proper implementation of the refurbishing project.

- 10. Other business. The Executive Director may wish to bring to the attention of the Executive Board certain managerial and administrative matters. In particular, the Executive Board will have before it, as an information paper (document WFP/EB.A/96/10), a Draft Report of the Secretary-General on Enhancing the Internal Oversight Mechanisms in Operational Funds and Programmes.
- 11. Adoption of the report. Under this item, the Executive Board is to consider and adopt the report on the work at its Annual Session.