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## COUNTRY PROGRAMMES

## Agenda item 5



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- 1. One Country Programme is submitted for the consideration and approval of the Executive Board: India.
- 2. The India Country Programme draws on the Country Strategy Outline (CSO) presented for information to the Committee on Food Aid Programmes and Policies (CFA) at its Thirty-eighth Session, and takes into account the comments and suggestions made at that session.
- 3. India is classified as a low-income, food-deficit country (LIFDC).
- 4. The India Country Programme covers a period of five years, from 1997 to 2001. It will thus be fully harmonized with programmes of other United Nations agencies and the Government's own plan. The proposed cost for WFP of the Country Programme, as requested by the Government, is, 182 million dollars for core activities and 69 million dollars for supplementary activities. The costs for the Government are estimated at 376 million dollars for core activities and 377 million dollars for supplementary activities.
- 5. Gender issues are given high priority in the India Country Programme. The Government's position on the Country Strategy Note (CSN) process is also covered in the document. Although the Government has not accepted a CSN, it has accepted the principle of United Nations agencies working closely with the United Nations Resident Coordinator.
- 6. An information paper giving the updated list of planned Country Programmes and Country Strategy Outlines is available at this Executive Board session.

