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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Agenda

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

12 May 1998

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In keeping with the established methods of work, the Board appointed Mr. Kiala Kia Mateva (Angola) Rapporteur of the Second Regular Session of 1998.

12 May 1998

The Decisions and Recommendations in 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 Session.

1998/EB.2/1 **Formal Working Group on Review of the Resource and Long-term Financing Policies**

The Board decided to establish a Formal Working Group to review WFP's Resource and Long-term Financing policies. The Group will be open to all Members of the Programme and the Observer of the European Commission, and will elect its chairman. The first meeting of the Working Group will be held on 20 May 1998.

12 May 1998

1998/EB.2/2 **Evaluation reports**

The Board took note of and commended the reports below, and endorsed the Secretariat's intention to take full account of the recommendations and lessons learned in the future work of WFP. The Board recommended a consistent use in future evaluation documents of standard formats. The Board also recommended that future evaluation reports indicate the degree of achievement of gender-related programme or project objectives.



a) Nepal 5572.00 - Rural Community Infrastructure Works Programme (RCIW) (WFP/EB.2/98/3/2)

The Board noted and expressed appreciation for the joint (WFP/GTZ) nature of both the project and the evaluations, and recommended that joint undertakings with implementing partners be increased. The Board fully supported the recommendation to view community empowerment as the most important objective of such projects so as to enhance their sustainability. The consolidation of the project in 20 districts, with some flexibility, was supported.

b) India 2206.06—Support to Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) schemes (WFP/EB.2/98/3/3)

Noting that the implementation of the programme is consistent with WFP's objectives, the Board suggested programme strategies for capacity-strengthening and government/community ownership. Coordination between governments or communities, donors and United Nations agencies was to be strengthened in order to increase capacity-building and impact assessment.

c) UNHCR/WFP Joint evaluation of emergency food assistance to returnees, refugees, displaced persons and other war-affected populations in Bosnia and Herzegovina (WFP/EB.2/98/3/2)

The conclusions and recommendations of the report received Board support, particularly those related to targeting and the phasing-out strategy.

12 May 1998

1998/EB.2/3 Format of Country Strategy Outlines and Country Programmes

In response to suggestions made by various representatives to further standardize the format for Country Programmes, the Board decided that the Bureau of the Executive Board, in consultation with the regional groups, should review standard formats for Country Strategy Outlines (CSOs) and Country Programmes.

CSOs and Country Programmes should be based on comprehensive strategies and "global perspectives" and include, *inter alia*, the following basic information:

- gross national product (GNP) per capita
- trends in GNP per capita (to facilitate assessment of possibilities for phasing out)
- least developed country (LDC) and low-income, food-deficit country (LIFDC) classification
- prioritization of activities

The issue of the inclusion of Direct Operational Costs, Direct Support Costs



and Indirect Support Costs in Country Programmes should also be reviewed.

The conclusions should be presented to the Board at a future session.

12 May 1998

1998/EB.2/4 Country Strategy Outline—Burkina Faso

The Board welcomed the CSO for Burkina Faso (WFP/EB.2/98/4/1) and endorsed the strategy contained therein. It recommended that the Secretariat proceed with the formulation of a Country Programme.

12 May 1998

1998/EB.2/5 Country Strategy Outline—Madagascar

The Board welcomed the CSO for Madagascar (WFP/EB.2/98/4/4) and endorsed the strategy contained therein. It recommended that the Secretariat proceed with the formulation of a Country Programme to be submitted to the Board at its First Regular Session of 1999.

12 May 1998

1998/EB.2/6 Country Strategy Outline—Nepal

The Board welcomed the CSO for Nepal (WFP/EB.2/98/4/2) and endorsed the strategy contained therein. It recommended that the Secretariat proceed with the formulation of a Country Programme to be submitted to the Board at its First Regular Session of 1999.

12 May 1998

1998/EB.2/7 Country Strategy Outline—Sri Lanka

The Board welcomed the CSO for Sri Lanka (WFP/EB.2/98/4/3) and endorsed the strategy contained therein. It recommended that the Secretariat proceed with the formulation of a Country Programme to the Board at its First Regular Session of 1999.

12 May 1998

1998/EB.2/8 Country Strategy Outline—Ecuador



The Board welcomed the CSO for Ecuador (WFP/EB.2/98/4/5) and endorsed the strategy contained therein. It recommended that the Secretariat and the Government of Ecuador determine the appropriateness of preparing a Country Programme, taking into account observations made.

13 May 1998

1998/EB.2/9 Country Programme—El Salvador (1998–2002)

The Board approved the Country Programme for El Salvador, 1998–2002 (WFP/EB.2/98/5/3), and commended the strategy it put forth for the Government's taking over activities with its own resources.

13 May 1998

1998/EB.2/10 Country Programme—Malawi (1998–2001)

The Board approved the Country Programme for Malawi, 1998–2001 (WFP/EB.2/98/5/2).

13 May 1998

1998/EB.2/11 Country Programme—Ethiopia (1998–2003)

The Board approved the Country Programme for Ethiopia, 1998–2003 (WFP/EB.2/98/5/4).

13 May 1998

1998/EB.2/12 Country Programme—Senegal (1999–2001)

The Board approved the Country Programme for Senegal for the period 1999–2001 (WFP/EB.2/98/5/1).

13 May 1998

1998/EB.2/13 Development project for Executive Board approval—Cameroon 4387.01

The Board approved project Cameroon 4387.01—School feeding in Adamoua, North, Extreme North and Eastern provinces (WFP/EB.2/98/6-A/1).

14 May 1998

1998/EB.2/14 Development project for Executive Board approval—Sudan 5745.00



The Board approved project Sudan 5745.00—Improved water access in semi-arid areas (WFP/EB.2/98/6-A/2).

14 May 1998

1998/EB.2/15 Budget increases to previously approved development projects—Burkina Faso 3326.01

The Board approved the proposed budget increase to development project Burkina Faso 3326.01—Rural development (WFP/EB.2/98/6-B).

14 May 1998

1998/EB.2/16 Protracted refugee and displaced person project for Executive Board approval—Ethiopia 5241.03

The Board approved project Ethiopia 5241.03—Food assistance for Somali, Sudanese, Djiboutian and Kenyan refugees in Ethiopia (WFP/EB.2/98/7/3).

14 May 1998

1998/EB.2/17 Protracted refugee and displaced person project for Executive Board approval—Kenya 4961.04

The Board approved project Kenya 4691.04—Food assistance for Somali and Sudanese refugees (WFP/EB.2/98/7/1).

14 May 1998

1998/EB.2/18 Protracted refugee and displaced person project for Executive Board approval—Sudan 4168.05

The Board approved project Sudan 4168.05—Food assistance for Ethiopian and Eritrean refugees (WFP/EB.2/98/7/2).

14 May 1998

1998/EB.2/19 Development projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 July - 31 December 1997

The Board took note of the summaries of the following projects approved by the Executive Director between 1 July and 31 December 1997 within her delegated authority:

- China 5796.00: Integrated agricultural development in the southwestern mountain area of Anhui Province (WFP/EB.2/98/8-A/2)
- Ethiopia 5869.00: Urban women's fortified food facility (WFP/EB.2/98/8-A/3)



- Gambia 5932.00: Primary school feeding (transitory project)
(WFP/EB.2/98/8-A/1)

14 May 1998

1998/EB.2/20 Basic activities within approved Country Programmes

The Board took note of the summary of Basic Activity 1 C) - Egypt 3214.01: Land development and settlement in the High Dam Lake area (WFP/EB.2/98/8-B)—comprised in the Country Programme for Egypt, approved at the Third Regular Session of 1997.

14 May 1998

1998/EB.2/21 Protracted refugee and displaced person projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 July - 31 December 1997

The Board took note of the summaries of the following projects approved by the Executive Director between 1 July and 31 December 1997 within her delegated authority:

- Algeria 4155.07: Food assistance to the most vulnerable groups among Western Sahara refugees (WFP/EB.2/98/8-C/1 and Corr.1)
- Djibouti 4960.03: Food assistance for Ethiopian and Somali refugees and Djibouti refugees repatriated from Ethiopia (WFP/EB.2/98/8-C/5)
- Sri Lanka 5346.04: Assistance to internally displaced persons (WFP/EB.2/98/8-C/2)
- Yemen 5771.01: Food assistance for Somali refugees (WFP/EB.2/98/8-C/3)
- Zambia 5428.03: Food assistance for refugees from Angola and Democratic Republic of Congo (ex Zaire) (WFP/EB.2/98/8-C/4)

14 May 1998

1998/EB.2/22 Budget increases to protracted refugee and displaced person projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 July - 31 December 1997

The Board took note of a report outlining budget increases to protracted refugee and displaced person projects approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority between 1 July and 31 December 1997 (WFP/EB.2/98/8-D).

14 May 1998

1998/EB.2/23 Progress reports

The Board took note of progress reports on the following development projects:



- Ghana 4932.00: Supplementary feeding and health and nutrition education (WFP/EB.2/98/8-3/3)
- Haiti 5583.00: Agricultural rehabilitation and soil conservation in marginal mountainous areas(WFP/EB.2/98/8-E/2).
- Sao Tome and Principe 5392.00: Support to agrarian reform and agricultural development (WFP/EB.2/98/8-E/1).

14 May 1998

1998/EB.2/24 Budget increases to development projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 July - 31 December 1997

The Board took note of a report outlining budget increases to development projects approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority between 1 July and 31 December 1997 (WFP/EB.2/98/8-F).

14 May 1998

1998/EB.2/25 Gender Mainstreaming in WFP: an Integrated Assessment

The Board commended the Secretariat for its presentation of the report “Gender Mainstreaming in WFP: an Integrated Assessment” (WFP/EB.2/98/9), and encouraged it to continue to give priority to this aspect of its regular work and, as much as possible, to finance its activities in this area from the regular budget.

14 May 1998

1998/EB.2/26 Summary of the work of the First Regular Session of 1998 of the Executive Board

The Board endorsed the Summary of the work of the First Regular Session of 1998.

14 May 1998



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2. *Appointment of the Rapporteur*
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 - Nepal 5572.00 - Rural Community Infrastructure Works Programme (RCIW)
 - UNHCR/WFP Joint evaluation of emergency food assistance to returnees, refugees, displaced persons and other war-affected populations in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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 - Sudan 5745.00
 - b) Budget increases for previously approved projects:
 - Burkina Faso 3326.01
7. *Protracted refugee and displaced person projects for Executive Board approval:*
 - Ethiopia 5241.03
 - Kenya 4961.04
 - Sudan 4168.05



8. *Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters.*

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 - Ethiopia 5869.00
 - Gambia 5932.00
- b) Basic activities within approved Country Programmes:
 - Egypt 3214.01
- c) Protracted refugee and displaced person projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 July - 31 December 1997:
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 - Yemen 5771.01
 - Zambia 5428.03
- d) Budget increases to protracted refugee and displaced person projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 July - 31 December 1997
- e) Progress reports on approved projects:
 - Ghana 4932.00
 - Haiti 5583.00
 - Sao Tome and Principe 5392.00
- f) Budget increases to development projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 July - 31 December 1997

9. *Gender Mainstreaming in WFP: an Integrated Assessment*

10. *Summary of the work of the First Regular Session of 1998 of the Executive Board*

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	- Joint German Government/WFP mid-term evaluation of project Nepal 5572.00	WFP/EB.2/98/3/2
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	- Nepal	WFP/EB.2/98/4/2
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