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## Decisions and recommendations of the 2020 first regular session of the Executive Board

### Executive Board Bureau

President: **H.E. Dr. Ulrich Seidenberger**  
(Germany)

Alternate: **Her Excellency Marie-Therese Sarch**  
(United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Vice-President: **Mr Luís Fernando de Carvalho**  
(Brazil)

Alternate: **Ms Rebeca Cutié Cancino**  
(Cuba)

Member: **H.E. Bothata Tsikoane**  
(Lesotho)

Alternate: **H.E. Seydou Cissé**  
(Côte d'Ivoire)

Member: **Mr Bommakanti Rajender**  
(India)

Alternate: **Ms KANG Hyo Joo**  
(Republic of Korea)

Member: **H.E. Artur Andrzej Pollok**  
(Poland)

Alternate: **H.E. Zoltán Kálmán**  
(Hungary)

Rapporteur: **Mr Evgeny Vakulenko**  
(Russian Federation)



## **Decisions and recommendations**

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

The Board hereby decided that, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and consistent with WFP Executive Board Rule of Procedure I.4, it shall hold its rescheduled first regular session of 2020 by digital means on 16 and 17 April 2020, and that, for that purpose, it shall suspend the application of the requirement, set forth in Executive Board Rule of Procedure I.5, that notification of the meeting be provided at least 6 weeks prior to its date.

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## **Adoption of the agenda**

The Board adopted the agenda.

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## **Election of the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur**

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Board elected H.E. Dr. Ulrich Seidenberger (Germany, List D) as President for a one-year term. Her Excellency Marie-Therese Sarch (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), List D) was elected as Alternate.

The Board elected H.E. Luís Fernando de Carvalho (Brazil, List C) as Vice-President. Ms Rebeca Cutié Cancino (Cuba, List C) was elected as Alternate.

The Board elected as members of the Bureau, representing the other three WFP electoral lists, for a one-year term: H.E. Bothata Tsikoane (Lesotho, List A); Mr Bommakanti Rajender (India, List B); and H.E. Artur Andrzej Pollok (Poland, List E). Elected as Alternates were: H.E. Seydou Cissé (Côte d'Ivoire, List A); Ms KANG Hyo Joo (Republic of Korea, List B); and H.E. Zoltán Kálmán (Hungary, List E).

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Evgeny Vakulenko (Russian Federation, List E) Rapporteur of the 2020 first regular session.

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## **Current and future strategic issues**

### **2020/EB.1/1 Opening remarks by the Executive Director**

The Board took note of the opening remarks by the Executive Director. The main points of the Executive Director and the Board's comments would be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

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### **2020/EB.1/1/bis Remarks by Special Guest Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization**

The Board took note of the remarks by the Director-General of the World Health Organization (via live video). The video with the Director-General's speech would be posted on the WFP Restricted Membership Area.

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## Other business

### 2020/EB.1/2 Oral update on WFP's response to COVID-19

The Board:

- i) Took note of the oral update on WFP's response to COVID-19.
- ii) Expressed its appreciation for and called upon Member States to support the WFP COVID-19 Response Plan and WFP's contribution to the United Nations Global Humanitarian Response Plan for COVID-19.
- iii) Recalled the essential role of WFP in providing common services to enable that health and humanitarian actors, along with Governments, deliver appropriate support to the vulnerable populations and emphasized the importance of a well-coordinated response across the United Nations system and with other relevant actors.
- iv) Took into account WFP's expertise as the lead agency of the United Nations logistic clusters and commended its contribution to keeping the food supply chain functioning so as to avoid that a health crisis becomes a food crisis.
- v) Requested the Secretariat to update the Executive Board on a monthly basis and in line with the updates to the United Nations Global Humanitarian Response Plan on WFP's response to COVID-19, including regional- and country-level specific information, its role within the United Nations system response, international humanitarian response and related global coordination mechanisms as well as updated funding requirements, as appropriate.
- vi) Further requested the Secretariat to report to the Board at its 2020 annual session on: a) WFP's medium- and long-term planning scenarios and b) WFP's contribution to the United Nations Global Humanitarian Response Plan for COVID-19 and the Secretary-General's United Nations COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund.

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## Policy issues

### 2020/EB.1/3 Update on the Integrated Road Map: proposed delegations of authority and governance arrangements

Having considered the update on the Integrated Road Map set out in document WFP/EB.1/2020/4-A/1/Rev.2 and recalling the Policy on Country Strategic Plans (WFP/EB.2/2016/4-C/1/Rev.1), the Financial Framework Review (WFP/EB.2/2016/5-B/1/Rev.1) and various other updates on the Integrated Road Map (WFP/EB.A/2017/5-A/1, WFP/EB.2/2017/4-A/1/Rev.1, WFP/EB.A/2018/5-D/1, WFP/EB.2/2018/5-A/1 and WFP/EB.2/2019/4-D/1), the Board:

- i) recalled paragraph vi of its decision 2017/EB.2/2, whereby pursuant to WFP General Regulations Article VI.2(c) it approved interim delegations of authority to the Executive Director from 1 January 2018 to 29 February 2020 and decided that delegations of authority would be presented for its approval, following a review of the interim delegations of authority, at its 2020 first regular session;
- ii) noted that a review of the interim delegations of authority had been undertaken and presented for its consideration at its 2019 second regular session through the update on the Integrated Road Map set out in document WFP/EB.2/2019/4-D/1;
- iii) approved the proposals set forth in paragraphs 36–51 of document WFP/EB.1/2020/4-A/1/Rev.2, relating to the delegations of authority to the Executive Director and the approval by correspondence procedure, to be used when appropriate, for revisions to country strategic plans and interim country strategic plans

that necessitate Executive Board approval and, accordingly, approved the delegations of authority set forth in annex III to document WFP/EB.1/2020/4-A/1/Rev.2, to become effective on 1 May 2020, and decided that it might further revise those delegations of authority following a review of them at its 2025 first regular session, without prejudice to the authority of the WFP Executive Board to conduct such a review at any time

- iv) recalled the multi-country strategic plans concept described in the update on the Integrated Road Map as set out in previous updates on the Integrated Road Map (WFP/EB.2/2018/5-A/1 and WFP/EB.2/2019/4-D/1); and
- v) approved the multi-country strategic plans concept set forth in paragraphs 73–77 of document WFP/EB.1/2020/4-A/1/Rev.2 and further approved the accompanying rule changes set forth in annex IV of document WFP/EB.1/2020/4-A/1/Rev.2.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (WFP/EB.1/2020/4-A/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2020/4-A/3).

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### **Other business (*continued*)**

#### **Matters relating to workplace culture**

#### **2020/EB.1/4      Concrete steps towards implementation of the recommendations of the joint Board/management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination**

The Board:

- i) expressed its satisfaction at the nomination of a senior advisor to the Executive Director on workplace culture to lead development of a comprehensive action plan and oversee its implementation;
- ii) welcomed all efforts to develop the plan in close consultation with key stakeholders, including staff representative bodies;
- iii) expressed its appreciation for the present report on concrete steps taken to develop the comprehensive action plan (WFP/EB.1/2020/9-A/2/Rev.1);
- iv) noted with appreciation the approach of mainstreaming the implementation of activities and the achievement of deliverables related to the comprehensive action plan into normal WFP line management and work plans;
- v) decided to remain seized of the matters of harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power, discrimination and sexual exploitation and abuse at WFP; and
- vi) requested the Secretariat to provide: a) a fully developed comprehensive action plan at the 2020 annual session of the Executive Board, as well as an update on the progress made on its implementation; b) in recognition of its nature as a living document, a revised version of the comprehensive action plan as appropriate; c) a progress report at the 2020 second regular session of the Executive Board and, thereafter, to report annually as part of the WFP annual performance report; and d) quarterly oral updates to the Board membership for the duration of the Special Advisor's mandate.

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**Evaluation reports****2020/EB.1/5      Summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's capacity to respond to emergencies (2011–2018) and management response**

The Board took note of the summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's capacity to respond to emergencies (2011–2018) (WFP/EB.1/2020/5-A) and management response (WFP/EB.1/2020/5-A/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

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**2020/EB.1/6      Summary report on the evaluation of the WFP People Strategy (2014–2017) and management response**

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the WFP People Strategy (2014–2017) (WFP/EB.1/2020/5-B) and management response (WFP/EB.1/2020/5-B/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

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**Summary of the work of the Executive Board****2020/EB.1/7      Summary of the work of the 2019 second regular session of the Executive Board**

The Board approved the draft summary of the work of its 2019 second regular session, the final version of which would be embodied in document WFP/EB.2/2019/13.

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**ANNEX I****Agenda**

- 1. Adoption of the agenda** *(for approval)*
- 2. Election of the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur**
- 3. Opening remarks by the Executive Director**  
*Remarks by Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization, on Thursday, 16 April (to be confirmed)*
- 4. Policy issues**
  - a) Update on the Integrated Road Map: Proposed delegations of authority and other governance arrangements *(for approval)*
  - b) Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system) *(for information)\*\**
  - c) Oral update on the implications for WFP of the guidance on United Nations sustainable development cooperation frameworks and common country analyses *(for information)\**
- 5. Evaluation reports** *(for consideration)*
  - a) Summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's capacity to respond to emergencies (2011–2018) and management response
  - b) Summary report on the evaluation of the WFP People Strategy (2014–2017) and management response
- 6. Operational matters**
  - a) Revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases, approved by the Board by correspondence *(for information)*
    1. Cambodia
  - b) Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters *(for information)*
    1. Revisions of country strategic plans and interim country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2019)
    2. Limited emergency operations and immediate response activities approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2019)
- 7. Organizational and procedural matters**
  - a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2020–2021) *(for information)*
- 8. Summary of the work of the 2019 second regular session of the Executive Board** *(for approval)*
- 9. Other business**
  - a) Matters relating to workplace culture

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\* \* To be discussed at the session

1. Oral update by the co-chairs of the Joint Board/management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination (*for consideration*)
  2. Concrete steps towards implementation of the recommendations of the joint Board/management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination (*for consideration*)
- b) Appointment of five Executive Board members to the selection panel for the appointment of one Audit Committee member (*for information*)
  - c) Report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board to Bangladesh (*for information*)
  - d) Oral update on preparations for the 2021 United Nations Summit on Food Systems (*for information*)\*
  - e) Guidelines for the field visits of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women, and for the joint field visits of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (*for information*)
  - f) Oral update on WFP's' response to COVID-19 (*for information*)\*

**10. Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations**

**ANNEX II****List of documents****Adoption of the agenda**

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| 1 | Provisional agenda           | WFP/EB.1/2020/1/1/Rev.3 |
|   | Provisional annotated agenda | WFP/EB.1/2020/1/2/Rev.2 |

**Policy issues**

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| 4 a) | Update on the Integrated Road Map: Proposed delegations of authority and other governance arrangements                                    | WFP/EB.1/2020/4-A/1/Rev.2 |
|      | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)  | WFP/EB.1/2020/4-A/2       |
|      | Report of the FAO Finance Committee   | WFP/EB.1/2020/4-A/3       |
| 4 b) | Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system) | WFP/EB.1/2020/4-B         |

**Evaluation reports**

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| 5 a) | Summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's capacity to respond to emergencies (2011–2018)   | WFP/EB.1/2020/5-A       |
|      | Management response to the recommendations of the summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's capacity to respond to emergencies (2011–2018) | WFP/EB.1/2020/5-A/Add.1 |
| 5 b) | Summary report on the evaluation of the WFP People Strategy (2014–2017)  | WFP/EB.1/2020/5-B       |
|      | Management response to the recommendations of the summary report on the evaluation of WFP People Strategy (2014–2017)                                | WFP/EB.1/2020/5-B/Add.1 |

**Operational matters**

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| 6 a) | Revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases, approved by the Board by correspondence |                     |
|      | 1) Cambodia  | WFP/EB.1/2020/6-A/1 |

- 6 b) Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters
- 1) Revisions of country strategic plans and interim country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2019) WFP/EB.1/2020/6-B/1
  - 2) Limited emergency operations and immediate response activities approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2019) WFP/EB.1/2020/6-B/2

### Organizational and procedural matters

- 7 a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2020–2021) WFP/EB.1/2020/7-A

### Other business

- 9 a) Concrete steps towards implementation of the recommendations of the joint Board/management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination WFP/EB.1/2020/9-A/2/Rev.1
- 9 b) Appointment of five Executive Board members to the selection panel for the appointment of one Audit Committee member WFP/EB.1/2020/9-B
- 9 c) Report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board to Bangladesh WFP/EB.1/2020/9-C
- 9 e) Guidelines for the field visits of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women, and for the joint field visits of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP WFP/EB.1/2020/9-E

### Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations

- 10 Decisions and recommendations of the first regular session of the Executive Board, 2020 WFP/EB.1/2020/10
- Summary of the work of the first regular session of the Executive Board, 2020 WFP/EB.1/2020/11\*

### Information notes

- Provisional timetable WFP/EB.1/2020/INF/2/Rev.2
- Provisional list of participants WFP/EB.1/2020/INF/3
- Report by the Executive Director on recent senior staff movements WFP/EB.1/2020/INF/4

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\* To be issued after approval by the Executive Board at its 2020 annual session.