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

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## 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 pandemic, and consistent with WFP Executive Board Rule of Procedure I.4, it would hold its second regular session of 2020 by digital means from 16 to 20 November 2020.

16 November 2020

### Adoption of the agenda

The Board adopted the agenda.

16 November 2020

### Election to fill one vacant seat on the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Board elected H.E. Fernando José Marroni de Abreu (Brazil, List C) as member of the Bureau and Vice-President of the Board.

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Ms KANG Hyo Joo (Republic of Korea, List B) Rapporteur for its 2020 second regular session.

16 November 2020

### Current and future strategic issues

#### 2020/EB.2/1 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.

16 November 2020

### Resource, financial and budgetary matters

#### 2020/EB.2/2 WFP Management Plan (2021–2023)

Having considered WFP's management plan (2021–2023) (WFP/EB.2/2020/5-A/1/Rev.1), the Board:

- i) noted that the 2021 programme support and administrative appropriation assume a funding level of USD 7.40 billion in 2021;
- ii) took note of the projected operational requirements of USD 12.3 billion for 2021, as outlined in section III of the management plan (2021–2023);
- iii) approved a 2021 programme support and administrative appropriation of USD 443.5 million, to be allocated as follows:
 

strategy and direction	USD 83.7 million
services to operations	USD 246.7 million
governance, independent oversight and fundraising	USD 113.1 million
<b>Total</b>	<b>USD 443.5 million</b>
- iv) approved an allocation of USD 32.2 million from the programme support and administrative equalization account for critical corporate initiatives;

- v) approved a standard indirect support cost recovery rate of 6.5 percent for 2021 for all contributions except for governments' contributions to programmes in their own countries and contributions made by developing countries or countries with economies in transition, as determined by the Executive Board, for which an indirect support cost recovery rate of 4 percent would apply in 2021;
- vi) approved a ceiling of USD 82 million for corporate services advances from 2021 and looked forward to reviewing this as part of future management plans;
- vii) looked forward to receiving regular updates on the ongoing Bottom Up Strategic Budgeting Exercise, the first one presented at its 2021 first regular session, in preparation for adjustments to the programme support and administrative budget;
- viii) looked forward to receiving regular updates on the operational requirements and funding forecast, the first one presented at its 2021 first regular session, with a view to discussing any required adjustments, should the projected indirect support cost income fall below the approved programme support and administrative budget level for 2021; and
- ix) authorized the Executive Director to adjust the programme support and administrative component of the budget in accordance with a change in the level of the forecasted income for the year, at a rate not to exceed 2 percent of the anticipated change in income.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (WFP/EB.2/2020/5(A,B,C)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2020/5(A,B,C)/3).

*18 November 2020*

**2020/EB.2/3      Process for the selection and appointment of the WFP External Auditor for the term from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2028**

The Board approved the proposed process for the selection and appointment of the WFP External Auditor for the term from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2028 (WFP/EB.2/2020/5-B/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (WFP/EB.2/2020/5(A,B,C)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2020/5(A,B,C)/3).

*17 November 2020*

**Policy issues**

**2020/EB.2/4      WFP protection and accountability policy and implementation plan**

The Board approved the WFP protection and accountability policy (WFP/EB.2/2020/4-A/1/Rev.2). For the policy's successful implementation, sufficient financial resources were required at the corporate, regional and country levels. WFP committed to providing an implementation plan with an estimated budget for consideration by the Board no later than its 2021 annual session. This would include a notional allocation of estimated costs across appropriate funding sources including the programme support and administrative budget, country portfolio budgets, and extra-budgetary support.

*18 November 2020*

**2020/EB.2/5 WFP disability inclusion road map (2020–2021)**

The Board approved the WFP disability inclusion road map (2020–2021) (WFP/EB.2/2020/4-B).

*18 November 2020*

**Southern Africa portfolio****2020/EB.2/6 Summary report on the evaluation of the interim country strategic plan for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2018–2020) and management response**

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the interim country strategic plan for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2018–2020) (WFP/EB.2/2020/6-B/Rev.1) and management response (WFP/EB.2/2020/6-B/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

*18 November 2020*

**2020/EB.2/7 Country strategic plan – Democratic Republic of the Congo (2021–2024)**

The Board approved the Democratic Republic of the Congo country strategic plan (2021–2024) (WFP/EB.2/2020/7-A/2) at a total cost to WFP of USD 1,673,766,710.

*18 November 2020*

**Asia and the Pacific portfolio****2020/EB.2/8 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Indonesia (2017–2020) and management response**

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Indonesia (2017–2020) (WFP/EB.2/2020/6-C) and management response (WFP/EB.2/2020/6-C/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

*19 November 2020*

**2020/EB.2/9 Country strategic plan– Indonesia (2021–2025)**

The Board approved the Indonesia country strategic plan (2021–2025) (WFP/EB.2/2020/7-A/4) at a total cost to WFP of USD 15,828,623.

*19 November 2020*

**2020/EB.2/10 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Timor–Leste (2018–2020) and management response**

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Timor-Leste (2018–2020) (WFP/EB.2/2020/6-D) and management response (WFP/EB.2/2020/6-D/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

*19 November 2020*

**East Africa portfolio****2020/EB.2/11 Revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases – Burundi (2018–2020)**

The Board approved the revision of the Burundi interim country strategic plan (2018–2020) and the corresponding budget increase of USD 72,340,828 outlined in document WFP/EB.2/2020/7-C/1.

*19 November 2020*

**West Africa portfolio****2020/EB.2/12 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Cameroon (2018–2020) and management response**

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Cameroon (2018–2020) (WFP/EB.2/2020/6-A) and management response (WFP/EB.2/2020/6-A/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

*19 November 2020*

**2020/EB.2/13 Interim country strategic plan – Togo (2021)**

The Board approved the Togo interim country strategic plan (2021) (WFP/EB.2/2020/7-B/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 3,467,347.

*19 November 2020*

**Latin America and the Caribbean Portfolio****2020/EB.2/14 Country strategic plan – Guatemala (2021–2024)**

The Board approved the Guatemala country strategic plan (2021–2024) (WFP/EB.A/2020/7-A/3) at a total cost to WFP of USD 157,601,501.

*19 November 2020*

**Other business****2020/EB.2/15 Progress report on the implementation of the comprehensive action plan on the recommendations of the joint Board/management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination**

The Board expressed its appreciation for the progress report on the implementation of the comprehensive action plan on the recommendations of the joint Board/management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination (WFP/EB.2/2020/10-A) and requested the Secretariat:

- i) to provide quarterly oral updates for the duration of the mandate of the Assistant Executive Director, Workplace Culture, describing the implementation of and any revisions to the plan; and
- ii) to provide a formal progress report annually as part of the WFP annual performance report.

*20 November 2020*

**Organizational and procedural matters****2020/EB.2/16 Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2021–2022)**

The Board approved the biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2021–2022) (WFP/EB.2/2020/8-A/Rev.1) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

*20 November 2020*

**Summary of the work of the Executive Board****2020/EB.2/17 Summary of the work of the 2020 annual session of the Executive Board**

The Board approved the draft summary of the work of its 2020 annual regular session, the final version of which would be embodied in document WFP/EB.A/2020/14.

*20 November 2020*

**ANNEX I****Agenda**

- 1. Adoption of the agenda** *(for approval)*
- 2. Election to fill one vacant seat on the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur**
- 3. Opening remarks by the Executive Director**
- 4. Policy issues**
  - a) WFP protection and accountability policy *(for approval)* and implementation plan *(for information)*
  - b) WFP disability inclusion road map (2020–2021) *(for approval)*
  - c) Update on collaboration among the Rome-based agencies *(for information)*<sup>1</sup>
  - d) Compendium of policies relating to the WFP strategic plan *(for information)*
  - e) Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system) *(for information)*\*
  - f) Oral update on the implications for WFP of the guidance on the United Nations sustainable development cooperation frameworks and common country analyses *(for information)*\*
  - g) Oral update on the people policy: a vision for WFP's workforce and workplace of the future *(for information)*\*
- 5. Resource, financial and budgetary matters**
  - a) WFP Management Plan (2021–2023) *(for approval)*
  - b) Process for the selection and appointment of the WFP External Auditor for the term from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2028 *(for approval)*
  - c) Workplan of the External Auditor *(for information)*
- 6. Evaluation reports** *(for consideration)*
  - a) Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Cameroon (2018–2020) and management response
  - b) Summary report on the evaluation of the interim country strategic plan for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2018–2020) and management response
  - c) Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Indonesia (2017–2020) and management response
  - d) Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Timor-Leste (2018–2020) and management response

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<sup>1</sup> To be discussed at the session.



**7. Operational matters**

- a) Country strategic plans (*for approval*)
  - 1. Cuba (2021–2024) — ITEM POSTPONED TO THE 2021 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
  - 2. Democratic Republic of the Congo (2021–2024)
  - 3. Guatemala (2021–2024)
  - 4. Indonesia (2021–2025)
- b) Interim country strategic plans (*for approval*)
  - 1. Togo (2021)
- c) Revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases (*for approval*)
  - 1. Burundi (2018–2020)
- d) 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 jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 January–30 June 2020)
  - 2. Transitional interim multi-country strategic plans, limited emergency operations and immediate response activities approved by the Executive Director or jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 January–30 June 2020)

**8. Organizational and procedural matters**

- a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2021–2022) (*for approval*)

**9. Summary of the work of the 2020 annual session of the Executive Board (*for approval*)****10. Other business**

- a) Progress report on the implementation of the comprehensive action plan on the recommendations of the joint Board/management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination (*for consideration*)
- b) Report of the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, 29 May 2020 (*for information*)
- c) Oral update on preparations for the 2021 United Nations food systems summit (*for information*)\*
- d) Oral update on WFP's response to COVID-19 (*for information*)\*

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

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

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| 1 | Provisional agenda           | WFP/EB.2/2020/1/1/Rev.2 |
|   | Annotated provisional agenda | WFP/EB.2/2020/1/2/Rev.2 |

**Policy issues**

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|------|---|---------------------------|
| 4 a) | WFP protection and accountability policy  | WFP/EB.2/2020/4-A/1/Rev.2 |
| 4 a) | WFP protection and accountability policy - implementation plan  | WFP/EB.2/2020/4-A/2       |
| 4 b) | WFP disability inclusion road map (2020–2021)   | WFP/EB.2/2020/4-B         |
| 4 c) | Update on collaboration among the Rome-based agencies   | WFP/EB.2/2020/4-C/Rev.1   |
| 4 d) | Compendium of policies relating to the WFP strategic plan   | WFP/EB.2/2020/4-D/Rev.1   |
| 4 e) | Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system) | WFP/EB.2/2020/4-E         |

**Resource, financial and budgetary matters**

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| 5 a) | WFP Management Plan (2021–2023)   | WFP/EB.2/2020/5-A/1/Rev.1 |
| 5 b) | Process for the selection and appointment of the WFP External Auditor for the term from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2028 | WFP/EB.2/2020/5-B/1       |
| 5 c) | Work plan of the External Auditor   | WFP/EB.2/2020/5-C/1       |
|      | Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)                                  | WFP/EB.2/2020/5(A,B,C)/2  |
|      | Report of the FAO Finance Committee   | WFP/EB.2/2020/5(A,B,C)/3  |

**Evaluation reports**

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| 6 a) | Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Cameroon (2018–2020)   | WFP/EB.2/2020/6-A       |
|      | Management response to the recommendations in the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Cameroon (2018–2020)                                     | WFP/EB.2/2020/6-A/Add.1 |
| 6 b) | Summary report on the evaluation of the interim country strategic plan for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2018–2020)   | WFP/EB.2/2020/6-B/Rev.1 |
|      | Management response to the recommendations in the summary report on the evaluation of the interim country strategic plan for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2018–2020) | WFP/EB.2/2020/6-B/Add.1 |
| 6 c) | Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Indonesia (2017–2020)  | WFP/EB.2/2020/6-C       |
|      | Management response to the recommendations in the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Indonesia (2017–2020)                                    | WFP/EB.2/2020/6-C/Add.1 |

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| 6 d) | Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Timor-Leste (2018–2020)   | WFP/EB.2/2020/6-D       |
|      | Management response to the recommendations in the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Timor-Leste (2018–2020) | WFP/EB.2/2020/6-D/Add.1 |

### Operational Matters

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| 7 a) | Country strategic plans  |                     |
|      | 2) Democratic Republic of the Congo  | WFP/EB.2/2020/7-A/2 |
|      | 3) Guatemala (2021–2024)   | WFP/EB.2/2020/7-A/3 |
|      | 4) Indonesia (2021–2025)   | WFP/EB.2/2020/7-A/4 |
| 7 b) | Interim country strategic plans  |                     |
|      | 1) Togo (2021)   | WFP/EB.2/2020/7-B/1 |
| 7 c) | Revisions of interim country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases  |                     |
|      | 1) Burundi (2018–2020)   | WFP/EB.2/2020/7-C/1 |
| 7 d) | 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 jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (1 January–30 June 2020)    | WFP/EB.2/2020/7-D/1 |
|      | 2) Transitional interim multi-country strategic plans, limited emergency operations and immediate response activities approved by the Executive Director or jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (1 January–30 June 2020) | WFP/EB.2/2020/7-D/2 |

### Organizational and Procedural Matters

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| 8 | Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2021–2022) | WFP/EB.2/2020/8-A/Rev.1 |
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### Other Business

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| 10 a) | Progress report on the implementation of the comprehensive action plan on the recommendations of the joint Board/management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination | WFP/EB.2/2020/10-A |
| 10 b) | Report of the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP, 29 May 2020  | WFP/EB.2/2020/10-B |

### Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations

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| 11 | Decisions and recommendations of the second regular session of the Executive Board, 2020 | WFP/EB.2/2020/11  |
|    | Summary of the work of the second regular session of the Executive Board, 2020           | WFP/EB.2/2020/12* |

**Information Notes**

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

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\* To be issued after approval by the Executive Board at its first regular session in February 2021.