

Item 7a3 – List A by Morocco

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Statement by Morocco on Behalf List A

Agenda Item 7a) 3): Ethiopia Country Strategic Plan (2026–2030),

including evaluation results and recommendations from the CSP 2020-2025

Thank you, Madam President.

Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen

This statement is delivered on behalf of List A.

List A congratulates the World Food Programme and the Federal Government of Ethiopia for the preparation of the new Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2026-2030, as well as the Office of Evaluation for its comprehensive report on the previous CSP (2020-2025).

We commend WFP for drawing on the lessons learned from the evaluation, particularly in the areas of risk management, accountability, and resilience building. The new plan reflects a more integrated approach that bridges the objectives of saving lives and changing lives, built upon stronger partnerships with Ethiopian Government, United Nations agencies, and community actors.

List A recognizes the strategic relevance of the new CSP, which seeks to strengthen sustainable food systems, improve nutrition, and promote social cohesion amid persistent climatic, economic, and security shocks. We also welcome the emphasis placed on rural resilience, social protection, and the gradual transition toward cash-based assistance mechanisms where conditions allow.

List A encourage WFP to continue strengthening scenario-based planning, to ensure a genuinely principled humanitarian approach, and to maintain operational independence while continuing to support national capacities.

List A also underlines the importance of robust monitoring and evaluation systems, integrating qualitative data to better demonstrate results particularly in the areas of resilience, gender equality, and women's empowerment. These are essential to reinforce WFP's credibility and sustain the confidence of its partners.

Finally, we stress the need to ensure staff and leadership stability within the Country Office to guarantee strategic continuity and operational effectiveness, especially in such a complex environment in the Country.

List A supports the approval of the new Ethiopia Country Strategic Plan (2026-2030), which represents an important step toward a more sustainable, inclusive, and resilient approach, aligned with national priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals.

I thank you.