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1. *Adoption of the Agenda*

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Executive Director hereby presents, **for approval**, the Provisional Annotated Agenda of the Second Regular Session in 2008. During the session, the Board may, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, amend the agenda by deletion, addition or modification of any item.

2. *Appointment of the Rapporteur*

Pursuant to Rule XII and in keeping with the established methods of work, the Board may appoint a Rapporteur from among the representatives.

3. *Opening Remarks by the Executive Director*

Under this item, the Executive Director will provide, **for consideration**, an overview of the issues facing WFP.

4. *Policy Issues*

a) WFP Evaluation Policy

In response to the recommendations of the External Peer Review of WFP's evaluation function, and based on the discussions and decisions of the Executive Board and senior management, the Evaluation Policy has been revised and brought in line with latest international best practice. This document is submitted to the Board **for approval**.

b) Vouchers and Cash Transfers as Food Assistance Instruments: Opportunities and Challenges

This policy paper, **for consideration**, lays out opportunities and challenges for WFP emerging from the use of vouchers and cash transfers to address food insecurity, both as alternatives and complements to food aid. The policy paper identifies WFP's comparative advantages in using those instruments, assesses their relevance under each Strategic Objective and sets out implications from the inclusion of vouchers and cash transfers in WFP's toolbox.

c) Preparing for Tomorrow Today: WFP Strategy for Managing and Developing Human Resources (2008–2011)

Following the approval of WFP's Strategic Plan (2008–2011), this document, which is submitted **for consideration**, outlines measures to be taken to ensure that the Programme's staffing profile is aligned with WFP's new strategic directions. It outlines objectives and activities for securing improvements in managing WFP's human resources in three focus areas: being responsive, building capacity and fostering partnerships.

d) Global Challenge, National Response: WFP's Support to National AIDS Programmes – Annual Update on WFP's Response to HIV and AIDS*

At its First Regular Session in 2004, the Board requested that it be kept informed each year on the status of WFP HIV and AIDS activities and relations with UNAIDS. This update is submitted to the Board **for information**.



e) Progress Report on Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition*

This report, submitted **for information**, follows on from a decision by the Executive Board at its First Regular Session in 2007, which authorized WFP to continue developing the initiative together with UNICEF. It reports on progress made and the outlook for WFP's work in partnership with UNICEF and other agencies on ending child hunger and undernutrition.

f) Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies – An Updated Version (October 2008)*

At its Annual Session in 2000, the Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in the Report on the Working Group on Governance (decision 2000/EB.A/6). Governance recommendation (d) established that WFP policy statements should be codified in a compendium. The "Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies" was first submitted to the Board at its Annual Session in 2002. A hard copy of the update of the Consolidated Framework is submitted to the Board **for information**. (An electronic update is available at the WFP website www.wfp.org.)

5. **Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters**

a) Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, a report on the implementation of the Management Plan for 2008–2009, taking into account the orientations of the WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011).

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

b) Managing for Results: A Second Review of Progress in Implementing Results-Based Management: Report by the External Auditor

The External Auditor reports to the Executive Board on his review of performance indicators against best practice criteria, including examination of the relevance, definition, usefulness, timeliness and verifiability of indicators. The External Auditor, in his report, also considers the impact on country office accountability and the extent of training and decentralized support for the results-based approach. He draws on findings from his field visits to provide an assessment of the extent to which reported performance improvements can be attributed to improvements in effectiveness rather than increased use of resources. The report is submitted **for consideration**.

At its Annual Session in 2008, the Board took note of the Secretariat's proposal to accompany External Audit reports with a response from the Secretariat. The Response of the Secretariat to the Report by the External Auditor on Managing for Results: A Second Review of Progress in Implementing Results-Based Management, which sets out the Secretariat's course of action for implementing the recommendations contained in the report, is submitted **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Finance Committee.



c) Programme of Work of the External Auditor for 2008–2009*

This paper is submitted **for information** to provide the Board with an overview of the External Auditor's planning for the audit of WFP's statements and activities for the biennium 2008–2009.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

d) Update on the WINGS II Project*

This paper, submitted to the Board **for information**, is a report on the WINGS II project, outlining the project's objectives, scope, current status and funding.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

6. *Evaluation Reports*

The evaluation documents submitted under this item are presented to the Board **for consideration**. The associated matrices summarizing the action taken by management to implement the recommendations are presented as addenda to these reports.

a) Summary Report of the Thematic Evaluation of WFP's HIV and AIDS Interventions in Sub-Saharan Africa

This thematic evaluation took place during 2007; it takes stock of WFP's growing experience with regard to food assistance to people affected by HIV and AIDS, in order to identify best practices. The focus is on strategic and operational approaches with regard to prevention, care and treatment. Targeting issues, particularly with regard to orphans and other vulnerable children, are also assessed.

b) Summary Report of the End-of-Term Evaluation of WFP's Gender Policy (2003–2007): Enhanced Commitments to Women to Ensure Food Security

In line with the Gender Policy (2003–2007), an end-of-term evaluation of WFP's Enhanced Commitments to Women was undertaken in late 2007/early 2008; it assesses the extent to which the Gender Policy has been applied and its commitments implemented in WFP's operations.

Operational Matters

7. *Country Programmes*

The following country programmes are submitted to the Board **for approval on a no-objection basis**:

- Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013)
- Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013)

8. *Projects for Executive Board Approval*

a) Development Projects

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following development project with a budget exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- Côte d'Ivoire 10759.0



b) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations (PRROs)

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following PRROs with budgets exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- Burundi 10528.1
- Ethiopia 10127.3
- Sri Lanka 10756.0

9. ***Projects Approved by Correspondence***

The Board will have before it, **for information**, the PRROs and budget increases to PRROs approved by correspondence by the Executive Board since its Annual Session in June 2008:

a) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations*

- Timor-Leste 10388.1

b) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations*

- Afghanistan 10427.0
- Democratic Republic of the Congo 10608.0
- Ethiopia 10665.0
- Somalia 10191.0
- Zimbabwe 10595.0

10. ***Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 January – 30 June 2008)***

a) Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a summary of the following development project approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority:

- Djibouti 10727.0

b) Budget Increases to Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing budget increases to development activities approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority.

c) PRROs Approved by the Executive Director*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a summary of the following PRROs approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority:

- Central African Republic 10189.2
- Lesotho 10599.0
- Swaziland 10602.0
- Yemen 10232.1



d) Budget Increases to PRROs Approved by the Executive Director*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing budget increases to PRROs approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority.

e) Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a summary of EMOPs approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO, under the authority delegated in subparagraph (b) of the appendix to the General Rules.

11. *Organizational and Procedural Matters*

➤ Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2009–2010)

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure, the Board will have before it, **for approval**, its Biennial Programme of Work for 2009–2010.

12. *Administrative and Managerial Matters*

➤ Review of the Increased Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director

At its Second Regular Session in 2006, the Board endorsed the continuation of the increased delegation of authority to the Executive Director and requested that such delegation of authority be reviewed after two years at the Second Regular Session of the Board in 2008 to determine whether this procedure would be continued. This document, which contains an analysis of the situation over the period involved and a recommendation to the Board, is submitted **for approval**.

13. *Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2008*

In accordance with the Board's decision at its Second Regular Session in 1996 on its methods of work, the Summary of Work of the Annual Session of 2008 is submitted **for endorsement**.

14. *Other Business*

➤ Report of the WFP Executive Board Members on their Visit to Honduras

A report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board Members to Honduras, which took place from 22 to 30 September 2008, will be presented to the Board **for information**.

15. *Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations*

The Board will have before it a draft document containing all decisions and recommendations taken at its current session, for verification of their accuracy.

* In accordance with the Board's decisions on governance approved at the 2000 Annual and Third Regular Sessions, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it well in advance of the meeting and the President accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time.