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BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (2008–2009)

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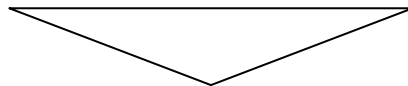
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1. Since 2005, the Biennial Programme of Work is submitted to the First Regular and Annual Sessions for information and to the Second Regular Session for approval. This document is therefore submitted to the Board for information.
2. The Biennial Programme of Work is a living document that is regularly updated on the basis of information received from the Secretariat and Board members; it is also reviewed regularly by the Bureau.
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4. The draft of the FAO/IFAD/WFP Calendar of Governing and Other Bodies 2008-2009, is attached. It is prepared by the three organizations to harmonize their calendars of meetings.

DRAFT DECISION*



The Board takes note of the “Biennial Programme of Work (2008–2009) of the Executive Board” (WFP/EB.A/2008/12) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the Decisions and Recommendations document (document WFP/EB.A/2008/16) issued at the end of the session.



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The Annual Report to ECOSOC and the FAO Council is presented at the First Regular Session every year in accordance with the Board's 2004 decision on streamlining corporate reporting to the Board and WFP parent bodies (WFP/EB.A/2004/5-F). The report provides a comprehensive picture of WFP's engagement in United Nations system-wide activities, organized according to the common format for United Nations funds and programme reports to ECOSOC and taking into account the comments expressed by the WFP Board on the desired content of the report. This report is presented to the Board for approval.

- *WFP's Private-Sector Partnership and Fundraising Strategy (A)*

This paper, presented for approval, proposes a strategy aimed at attracting US\$200 million in cash by 2017, of which US\$50 million would be multilateral, from a balance portfolio of private corporations, foundations and individual donors. It also seeks Executive Board support for a financing arrangement which would limit the use of PSA to cover the cost of WFP's private-sector fundraising activities.

- *Draft Strategic Plan (2008–2011) (C)*

The document submitted to the Executive Board for consideration is the first draft of the WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011), which takes into account comments made by the WFP membership during the informal consultations of 17 December and 21 January.

EB.A/2008 (9–12 June)

- *Annual Performance Report for 2007 (A)*

General Rule VII.2 states: "Each year the Executive Director shall submit to the Board for its approval an Annual Report and other reports as directed by the Board". Governance recommendation (h), approved by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2000 (decision 2000/EB.3/1—Follow-up to Executive Board decision 2000/EB.A/6 on Governance), states: "An Annual Performance Report should be developed" based on the Biennial Management Plan previously approved.

The Annual Performance Report for 2007 aims to present a relevant and credible analysis of WFP's performance in terms of the commitments made for the year as defined in the Strategic and Management Plans for 2006–2009.

- *WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011) (A)*

The Strategic Plan (2008–2011) is meant to replace the current Strategic Plan (2006–2009). The document is the result of an extensive consultation process, with both internal and external stakeholders, that began in August 2007. The Strategic Plan (2008–2011) is presented to the Executive Board for approval.

- *WFP Communications Strategy (C)*

The Communications and Public Policy Strategy Division plans to present, for consideration, a communications strategy to support the Strategic Plan that will be submitted to the Board at the same session.



EB.2/2008 (27–31 October)

➤ *Creating an Enabling Environment for the Promotion of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (A)*

A new Gender Policy will be developed on the basis of the results and recommendations of the Enhanced Commitments to Women comparative follow-up survey and the final evaluation of the Gender Policy 2003–2007. This document is submitted for approval.

➤ *Evaluation Policy (A)*

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 will be revised and brought in line with latest international best practice. This document is submitted to the Board for approval.

➤ *Disaster Mitigation and Risk Reduction (C)*

Disaster Response is a key strength and a clear comparative advantage of WFP. The paper is intended to provide a policy framework for WFP's activities in support of disaster mitigation and risk reduction.

➤ *School Feeding Policy (C)*

The paper provides an updated framework for school feeding and explains why it is one of WFP's main tools to break the cycle of hunger. Specifically, it describes the expected outcomes of school feeding programmes and gives general operating principles for their implementation to be adapted to the different contexts in which WFP works.

➤ *Vouchers and Cash Transfers (C)*

The policy paper lays out opportunities and challenges for WFP emerging from the use of vouchers and cash transfers to address food insecurity, both as alternatives and complementary tools 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.

➤ *Comprehensive Strategy on Human Resources (C)*

Following the approval of WFP's Strategic Plan, the "Comprehensive Strategy on Human Resources" will outline measures to be taken to ensure that the organization's staffing profile is aligned with our new strategic directions. It will discuss the four key roles of human resources management: i) Management of strategic human resources – the strategic partner role: this will address workforce planning, including issues of gender and geographic diversity, our surge capacity to deal with sudden emergencies, and career development; ii) Management of transformation and change – the change agent role; iii) Management of human resources infrastructure – the administrative expert role: this will look at how the Division of Human Resources can best provide services to meet the needs of the organization, and will address the relocation of some transactional administrative functions to another country, and the adoption of new information processing and management tools; iv) Management of staff relations – the employee relation's role.

➤ *Resourcing Strategy for a Changing Environment (I)*

Following a discussion at the First Regular Session of the Executive Board in 2007, Board members requested that WFP inform them of its communication and resourcing strategy. This document, which is submitted for information, outlines WFP's resourcing strategy from 2008 to 2011 in a climate of declining food supplies, high food prices and new mechanisms for delivering and financing international aid. The strategy is closely aligned with the Strategic Plan (2008-2011), and identifies approaches for effectively and efficiently meeting WFP's funding needs.

➤ *Annual Update on WFP's Response to HIV/AIDS (I)*

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

➤ *Update of Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies (I)*

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).



EB.1/2009 (2–6 February)

- *Annual Report for 2008 to ECOSOC and FAO Council (A)*

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The Annual Performance Report for 2008 aims to present a relevant and evidence-based analysis of WFP's performance, reflecting the commitments made for the year as defined in the Strategic and Management Plans.

- *Update on WFP's Response to HIV and AIDS (I)*

At its First Regular Session in 2003, the Board asked to be informed annually about the status of WFP HIV/AIDS activities and relations with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). The update is therefore submitted to the Board for information.

EB.2/2009 (26–30 October)

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EB.1/2008 (4–6 February)

- *Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations (C)*

The follow-up report on implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor is presented for consideration.

- *Global Vehicle Leasing Programme and Self-Insurance Scheme (I)*

This document, submitted for information, describes Global Vehicle Leasing Programme and self-insurance scheme and reviews progress to date. This programme is a first step towards global light fleet management and the exploitation of efficiency potentials in operating light vehicles.

- *Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009) (I)*

The Board will have before it, for information, a report on the implementation of the Management Plan (2008–2009).



➤ *Update on the WINGS II Project (I)*

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

EB.A/2008 (9–12 June)

➤ *Audited Biennial Accounts (2006–2007) (A)*

In accordance with General Regulation XIV.6 (b), the Executive Director will submit to the Board, for approval, the biennial financial statements of WFP, together with the report of the External Auditor. The financial statements are submitted under cover of the Executive Director's report on the Financial Administration of WFP.

➤ *WFP Pledging Target, 2009–2010 (A)*

The Board will have before it, for approval, a document presenting the Executive Director's proposed pledging target for the 2009–2010 biennium, to be presented to the Pledging Conference jointly convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of FAO in the first week of November 2008.

➤ *Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009) (A)*

The Board will have before it, for approval, a report on the implementation of the Management Plan for 2008–2009.

➤ *Appointment and Reappointment of the External Auditor (A)*

At its Second Regular Session in 2005, the Board invited the Bureau to prepare for a decision by the Board on changes to the Basic Texts, with a view to clarifying the procedures for reappointment of the External Auditor. The proposed changes, taking into account the latest developments at the United Nations in the field of governance and oversight, are submitted by the Bureau to the Board for its approval.

➤ *Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations (C)*

The follow-up report on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor is presented for consideration.

➤ *Report of the Inspector General (C)*

In accordance with Article VI (2) (b) (viii) of the WFP General Regulations, the Board will be provided with a report of the Inspector General on oversight activities for consideration and forwarding to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), as established by Board decision 1996/EB.3/3.

➤ *Sixth Progress Report on IPSAS (I)*

The Board will have before it, for information, the sixth progress report on the transition to international accounting public sector standards.

➤ *Report of the Executive Director on the Utilization of Contributions and Waivers of Costs (General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (g)) (I)*

In accordance with General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (g), this document is submitted to the Board for information. It contains information on the use of unrestricted cash resources to purchase commodities, contributions of commodities or services only, from governments of developing countries, countries with economies in transition and other non-traditional donors, and reductions or waivers for indirect support costs in respect to any contribution in kind to cover direct support costs.

➤ *Update on the WINGS II Project (I)*

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



EB.2/2008 (27–31 October)

➤ *Review of the WFP Financial Framework (A)*

WFP will review its Financial Framework in order to assess whether it is consistent with the strategic objectives in the new Strategic Plan to be approved in June 2008, and with new funding sources. This document will be submitted for approval.

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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 Strategic Plan for 2008–2011.

➤ *Report of the External Auditor on Results-Based Management (C)*

The External Auditor committed to report 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. Furthermore, the External Auditor, in his report, will consider the impact on country office accountability and the extent of training and decentralized support for the results-based approach. He will draw on the 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 the application of more resources. The report will be submitted for consideration.

➤ *Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations (C)*

The follow-up report on implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor is presented for consideration.

➤ *Analysis of WFP Cost Components (C)*

As requested by the Board at its Annual Session 2006, the Secretariat presents, for consideration, a paper on WFP's cost structure that analyses historical expenditures to determine the main cost drivers for each cost category and that shows the impact these drivers have on WFP's overall cost base.

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EB.1/2009 (2–6 February)

➤ *Report of the External Auditor on Management Matters (C)*

To draw attention to the priorities agreed by the Board, the External Auditor has selected areas of high importance in terms of their significance to the efficient and effective operation of WFP and the scale of resources devoted to them. Each report on management matters focuses on a single area and is submitted for consideration.

➤ *Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations (C)*

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➤ *Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009) (I)*

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EB.A/2009 (8–12 June)

➤ *Audited Annual Accounts, 2008 (A)*

The Annual Audited Accounts, for approval, are submitted in two parts: Part I presents a full set of financial statements and notes for 2008. The financial statements and notes for 2008 present financial information for 2008. Part II contains a review of the audited financial statements by the External Auditor; it provides an independent assessment for the Secretariat and the Executive Board of the management controls on which the Secretariat has relied for the preparation of annual financial statements.



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EB.2/2009 (26–30 October)

➤ *WFP Biennial Management Plan (2010–2011) (A)*

As per Financial Regulation 9.2, a Management Plan is to be submitted to the Board each financial biennium, at the last regular session in the second year of each financial period; the first Management Plan was presented to the Board at the Third Regular Session in 2003. The “WFP Biennial Management Plan (2010–2011)” includes the evaluation budget and workplan for 2010–2011. The document is submitted to the Board for approval.

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EVALUATION REPORTS

The evaluation documents submitted under this item are presented to the Board for consideration. The Board is requested to take note of the reports and the matrix in the annex summarizing the action taken so far by management in implementing the recommendations.

EB.1/2008 (4–6 February)

➤ *Peer Review of the Evaluation Function at the World Food Programme (C)*

An external peer review of WFP's evaluation function was conducted in 2007, taking into account the lessons learned from the recent peer reviews of the UNDP and UNICEF evaluation functions. The purpose of this professional Peer Review is to provide an independent assessment of the functioning and quality of the WFP evaluation function. It also includes analysis of decentralized evaluation in WFP and the ways in which the organization as a whole engages in evaluation. The management response to the evaluation recommendations is provided as an addendum. Both documents are submitted to the Board for consideration.



➤ *Summary Evaluation Report of Colombia PRRO 10366.0 (C)*

This report, which is submitted to the Board for consideration, summarizes an independent mid-term evaluation of Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation 10366.0 in support of internally displaced persons in Colombia. The evaluation mission was carried out in February and March 2007; its findings were meant to assist the country office in formulating a follow-on PRRO.

➤ *Summary Evaluation Report of Kenya Emergency Operation 10374.0 and Country Programme 10264.0 (2004–2008) (C)*

This evaluation report, which is submitted for consideration, provides a review of WFP's Kenya Emergency Operation 10374.0 and Country Programme 10264.0, both of which began in 2004. It was managed by the WFP Evaluation Service and undertaken by a team of five consultants. The objectives of the evaluation were three-fold: accountability, guidance and learning.

EB.A/2008 (9–12 June)

➤ *Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Capacity Development Policy and Operations (C)*

The evaluation of WFP's capacity-building policy and operations was requested by the Board at its Annual Session in June 2007. The evaluation will analyze the quality of the policy, determine whether the policy is being implemented and to what effect, and review WFP's capabilities for delivering capacity-building assistance.

EB.2/2008 (27–31 October)

➤ *Thematic Evaluation of WFP's HIV/AIDS Interventions (C)*

This thematic evaluation will take place during 2007 and intends to take stock of WFP's growing experience with regard to food assistance to HIV/AIDS affected populations, in order to identify best practices. The focus will be on strategic and operational approaches with regard to prevention, care and treatment. Targeting issues, particularly with regard to orphans and children, will also be assessed.

➤ *End-of-Term Evaluation of WFP's Enhanced Commitments to Women (C)*

In line with the Gender Policy (2003–2007), an end-of-term evaluation of WFP's enhanced commitments will be undertaken in late 2007/early 2008 and will assess the extent to which the gender policy has been applied and commitments implemented in WFP's operations.

OPERATIONAL MATTERS

EB.1/2008 (4–6 February)

Country Programmes (A)

- Bolivia
- Honduras
- Nicaragua

Projects for Executive Board Approval (A)

Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

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

- Colombia
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe



Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 July–31 December 2007) (I)➤ *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 document summarizing 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.

EB.A/2008 (9–12 June)*Draft Country Programmes (C)*

In October 2002, the Board approved the harmonized procedure for Country Programme approval (WFP/EB.3/2002/4-B), whereby draft CPs will be reviewed by the Board at the Annual Session in June. The CP will then be posted on the WFP website and approved at the Second Regular Session on a “no-objection” basis; it will be discussed if, and only if, five Board members or more request it in writing (ref. WFP/EB.2/2003/INF/6). The following draft CPs will be submitted for consideration:

- Kenya
- Niger

Projects for Executive Board Approval (A)

Development projects

The Board will have before it, for approval, the following development projects exceeding the Executive Director’s delegated authority:

- Liberia

Budget Increases to Development Activities

The Board will have before it, for approval, the following budget increases to development activities exceeding the Executive Director’s delegated authority:

- Budget Increases to Development Activities Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases

Budget Increases to PRROs

The Board will have before it, for approval, the following budget increases to PRROs exceeding the Executive Director’s delegated authority:

- Somalia
- Budget Increases to PRROs Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases

Projects Approved by Correspondence (I)

The Board will have before it, for information, a document including a budget increase approved by correspondence by the Executive Board since its First Regular Session in February 2008.

- Afghanistan

Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 July–31 December 2007) (I)

The Board may have before it, for information, (i) summaries of development projects and PRROs, and (ii) summaries of budget increases to development activities and PRROs approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority. It will also have before it a report on the utilization of the Immediate Response Account (1 January–31 December 2007).



EB.2/2008 (27–31 October)*Country Programmes (A)*

- Kenya
- Niger

Projects for Executive Board Approval (A)

Development Projects

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

- Côte d'Ivoire
- Guinea Bissau

Budget Increases to Development Activities

The Board will have before it, for approval, the following budget increases to development activities exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- Mauritania

Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

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

- Burundi
- D.P.R. Korea
- United Republic of Tanzania
- Sri Lanka

Operational Reports

- *Summary Report of International Civil Aviation Organizations mission findings (I)*

Following the crash of the WFP aircraft directed to Kosovo in 1999, ICAO, at the request of the WFP Executive Director, undertook a first review of WFP air operations in November 2000. In August 2001, ICAO undertook a second review on the implementation of the 2000 recommendations. In October 2004, during the discussion of the External Auditor's report on WFP air operations, the Board requested that ICAO undertake a review of issues related to air safety in WFP air operations. This review will be submitted to the Board for information.

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

The Board may have before it, for information, (i) summaries of development projects and PRROs and (ii) summaries of budget increases to development activities and PRROs approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority. It may also have EMOPs approved by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO under the authority delegated in subparagraph (b) of the Appendix to the General Rules.

EB.1/2009 (2–6 February)*Projects for Executive Board Approval (A)*

Development Projects

The Board will have before it, for approval, the following development projects exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- Benin



Protracted relief and recovery operations

Further to its request at the First Regular Session of 2008, the Board will have before it a review of the Uganda PRRO 10121.1.

Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 July–31 December 2008) (I)

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

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EB.A/2009 (8–12 June)

Draft Country Programmes (C)

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- Madagascar
- Mozambique
- Pakistan

Projects for Executive Board Approval (A)

Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

The Board will have before it, for approval, the following PRROs exceeding the Executive Director’s delegated authority:

- Occupied Palestinian Territory

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EB.2/2009 (26–30 October)

Country Programmes (A)

- Madagascar
- Mozambique
- Pakistan

Projects for Executive Board Approval (A)

Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

The Board will have before it, for approval, the following PRROs exceeding the Executive Director’s delegated authority:

- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Haiti
- Myanmar



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ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

EB.1/2008 (4–6 February) and EB.A/2008 (9–12 June)

- *Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board, 2008–2009 (I)*

Further to a request by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2004, an updated version of the Biennial Programme of Work, 2008–2009 is presented for information.

EB.2/2008 (27–31 October)

- *Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board, 2009–2010 (A)*

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.

- *Joint Report on Collaboration among the United Nations Rome-based Agencies (C)*

At its Second Regular Session in 2007, the Board encouraged WFP to continue to enhance its cooperation with FAO and IFAD in areas that contribute to the achievement of strategic and management objectives approved by the WFP Executive Board. The Board specifically requested that a paper, elaborated jointly by the three Rome-based agencies, be submitted to the WFP Executive Board subsequent to the completion of the WFP Strategic Plan which outlines the directions that future purpose-driven operational partnerships among the Rome-based agencies could take at the global, regional and country levels. This paper is submitted to the Board for consideration.

EB.1/2009 (2–6 February) and EB.A/2009 (8–12 June)

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EB.2/2009 (26–30 October)

- *Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board, 2010–2011 (A)*

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure, the Board will have before it, for approval, its Biennial Programme of Work for 2010–2011.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

EB.1/2008 (4–6 February)

- *Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit Relevant to the Work of WFP (C)*

The Board, by its decision 2002/EB.2/17, recommended that the JIU reports submitted annually by the Secretariat to the Board should comprise the following items:

- (i) WFP comments on the JIU reports relevant to the work of WFP received between the submission of the last Board document and 1 October 2007;
- (ii) a list of JIU reports issued since the last reporting period; and



- (iii) the status of WFP's implementation of previously approved or accepted recommendations.

In accordance with the practice of the Boards of other funds and programmes, the Secretariat presents to the Board each year at the First Regular Session for its consideration a summary report containing the items listed above.

EB.A/2008 (9–12 June)

- *Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2007 (C)*

The Executive Director will submit to the Board, for consideration, a report on commodity losses incurred after delivery in recipient countries.

The 2000 Annual Session of the Board “encouraged the Secretariat to take all necessary measures to ensure that losses were further reduced and seek monetary reimbursement from those governments which had lost commodities through negligence”. The report on post-delivery losses concerns country-specific and commodity-specific issues and describes the measures taken by WFP to keep post-delivery commodity losses to a minimum. The reporting period covered is the calendar year 1 January to 31 December 2007. The report lists commodity losses by reason, commodity and country as well as losses equal to or greater than 2 percent of the total net cost. The largest losses, both in terms of absolute and proportional net cost, insurance and freight value, receive specific mention in this report; significant but proportionately small losses in countries where large programmes are being implemented are also mentioned.

- *Update on WFP Food Procurement (I)*

At the First Regular Session in 2006, Board members asked WFP to report more regularly on food procurement activities as a follow-up to “Food Procurement in Developing Countries” (WFP/EB.1/2006/5-C). This report, presented for information, provides: (i) statistics on food procurement, (ii) an update on food procurement capacity; and (iii) an analysis of the interplay between local, regional and international procurement.

- *Statistical Report on WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories (I)*

The Board will have before it, for information, a document reflecting WFP staffing as at 31 December 2007. It provides the number of international professional staff and higher categories holding indefinite, continuing or fixed-term (one year or more) appointments at Headquarters and in country offices as at 31 December 2007. Junior professional officers (JPOs) and United Nations volunteers (UNVs) participating in WFP activities as at 31 December 2007 are also included. The report also provides statistics on the geographical distribution of WFP international professional staff and higher categories.

- *Information Note on the Implementation of Security Management Arrangements (I)*

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EB.2/2008 (27–31 October)

- *Review of the Delegation of Authority to the Executive Director (A)*

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 is to contain an analysis of the situation over the period involved and a recommendation to the Board, will be submitted for approval.



EB.1/2009 (2–6 February)

➤ *Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit Relevant to the Work of WFP (C)*

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OTHER BUSINESS

EB.1/2008 (4–6 February)

- *Oral Report of the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP (I)*

A report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, which is to take place on 25 and 28 January 2008, will be presented orally to the Board for information.

EB.A/2008 (9–12 June)

- *Report of the Joint Field Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Haiti (I)*

A report on the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Haiti, which took place from 1 to 9 March 2008, will be presented to the Board for information.

EB.1/2009 (2–6 February)

- *Report on the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP (I)*

The report of the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, is submitted to the Board for information.



PROVISIONAL FAO/IFAD/WFP CALENDAR OF GOVERNING AND OTHER BODIES 2008–2009

	2008		2009	
JANUARY				
FEBRUARY	WFP	4–6	WFP	2–6
	ECOSOC 1	5–8	IFAD/GC	9–13
	IFAD/GC	11–15	ECOSOC 1	10–13
MARCH	29 NERC	1–5	28 COFI	2–6
	83 CCLM	17–18	19 COFO	16–20
	25 ARC	31/03–4/04		
APRIL	30 LARC	14–18	85 CCLM	1–2
	IFAD/EB	21–25	67 CCP	20–22
			21 COAG	22–25
			IFAD/EB	27–30
MAY	29 APRC	19–23	35 CFS	12–15
	99 PC	26–30	123 FC	25–29
	121 FC	26–30	101 PC	25–29
JUNE	WFP	9–12	WFP	8–12
	26 ERC	23–27	136 CL	15–19
	ECOSOC 2	30/06–25/07	32 CODEX	29/06 – 4/07 (Rome)
JULY			ECOSOC 2	6–31
AUGUST				
SEPTEMBER	IFAD/EB	8–12	IFAD/EB	7–11
	UNGA	16	UNGA	15
	84 CCLM	29–30	86 CCLM	24–25
			124 FC	28/09 – 2/10
			102 PC	28/09 – 2/10
OCTOBER	122 FC	6–10	WFD	16 (Friday)
	100 PC	6–10	XIII WFC	18–25
	34 CFS	13–17	WFP	26–30
	WFD	16 (Thursday)		
	WFP	27–31		
NOVEMBER	135 CL	17–21 (tentative)	137 CL	11–13
			35 C	14–21
			138 CL	23
DECEMBER	IFAD/EB	15–19	IFAD/EB	14–18

Easter: 23 March 08
 Ramadan begins: 2 Sept 08
 Eid Al-Fitr: 1 Oct 08
 Eid Al-Adha: 8 Dec 08

Easter: 12 April 09
 Ramadan begins: 22 August 09
 Eid Al-Fitr: 21 Sept 09
 Eid Al-Adha: 28 Nov 09

APRC Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific
 ARC Regional Conference for Africa
 C Conference
 CCLM Committee on Constitutional and Legal Matters
 CCP Committee on Commodity Problems
 CFS Committee on World Food Security
 CL Council
 COAG Committee on Agriculture
 COFI Committee on Fisheries
 COFO Committee on Forestry
 ECOSOC Economic and Social Council (1: Organizational session opens; 2: Substantive session opens)
 ERC Regional Conference for Europe

FC Finance Committee
 IFAD/EB IFAD Executive Board
 IFAD/GC IFAD Governing Council
 LARC Regional Conference for Latin America and the Caribbean
 NERC Regional Conference for the Near East
 PC Programme Committee
 UNGA United Nations General Assembly (Opening)
 WFD World Food Day
 WFP World Food Programme Executive Board
 WFC World Forestry Congress
 CODEX Codex Alimentarius Commission

