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## **BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK (2007–2008) OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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## NOTE TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

**This document is submitted to the Executive Board for approval.**

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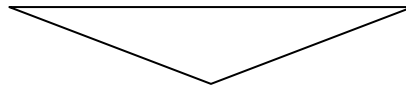
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1. In 2000, the Board approved several recommendations for strengthening the governance of WFP. Among others, the Board made the decision that strategic planning of the Board business should be undertaken by the Board itself. At each Autumn session, the Board should review and approve its programme of work for the forthcoming biennium and look back on its operations over the previous 12 months.
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.
3. Items for information are not to be discussed unless a Board member requests it and the Chair accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time.
4. Also attached is the draft FAO/IFAD/WFP Calendar of Governing and Other Bodies 2007-2008, prepared by the three organizations in an effort to harmonize their calendars of meetings.

## DRAFT DECISION\*



The Board approves the “Biennial Programme of Work (2007–2008) of the Executive Board” (WFP/EB.2/2006/12) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

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\* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the Decisions and Recommendations document (document WFP/EB.2/2006/16) issued at the end of the session.

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### POLICY ISSUES

#### EB.1/2007 (19–23 February)

- *Annual Report for 2006 to ECOSOC and the FAO Council (A)*

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.

- *Food for Training (C)*

This paper, for consideration, examines lessons learned from experience, including implementation of the commitment to ensure that women and adolescent girls constitute at least 70 percent of the participants in food-assisted training activities, articulated in the Gender Policy approved by the Board at its Third Regular Session of 2002

- *Status Report on Emergency Preparedness (I)*

The Status Report submitted for information will provide an overview of progress and achievements in the field of emergency preparedness

- *Update on WFP's Interventions for Mitigating Natural Disasters (I)*

This paper, for information, summarizes WFP's existing policy framework for implementing measures to mitigate the impact of natural disasters. The paper also provides an update to the Executive Board on the range of programmes and actions undertaken by WFP to support preparedness and mitigation efforts in countries facing recurrent natural disasters.

#### EB.A/2007 (4–8 June)

- *Annual Performance Report for 2006 (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 2006 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.

- *Strategic Plan (2008–2011) (A)*

The Strategic Plan is the second of the governance tools agreed upon in 2000 to be presented to the Executive Board. The Strategic Plan guides all WFP activities by setting out the direction and objectives of WFP's work and the investment priorities for all organizational functions. This document is submitted to the Board for approval.





- *Progress on the Implementation of the Management Response to the Evaluation of WFP's Enabling Development Policy (C)*

At its Second Regular Session in 2005, the Board took note of the "Response to the Evaluation of WFP's Enabling Development Policy" (WFP/EB.2/2005/4-A), and noted that WFP would require enhanced support from donors and national governments to implement the actions proposed in the document. The Board undertook to review progress on implementation of the response at a future session. This document, for consideration, will provide an overview of progress on the actions proposed or initiated set out in the document.

- *Annual Update on 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.

## **EB.2/2007 (22–26 October)**

- *Gender Policy (2008–2012) (A)*

The current Gender Policy 2003–2007 will come to term in December 2007. A new/revised 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.

- *Food for Education (C)*

This paper, for consideration, highlights the role that food aid interventions (including school feeding) can play in support of food for education objectives. The paper also clarifies the difference between food for education and school feeding.

- *Food for Work (C)*

One of WFP's strategic objectives - SO2 - is to protect livelihoods in crisis situations and enhance resilience to shocks. Food-for-work initiatives are central activities under this objective. Food-for-work schemes have long been employed by WFP to preserve essential assets during crises, to support recovery from crisis, to develop key physical and human assets, and as components of national safety-net programmes. This policy paper, submitted for consideration, provides a systematic review of design, implementation, and impacts of food-for-work activities within WFP. Based on this review, and on broad consultations within WFP and with partners, the paper also outlines key policy issues and challenges facing WFP in employing food for work to meet strategic objective 2.

- *WFP's Strategy to Mainstream Enhanced Assessment Capacities (I)*

At its Second Regular Sessions in 2005 and 2006, the Board took note of the progress made in strengthening WFP's emergency needs assessments under the 30-month implementation plan (July 2004-December 2006), and was apprised of plans for a 12-month transition period (January-December 2007) to evaluate the outcomes and lay the groundwork for mainstreaming essential components into WFP's regular budget. This document, submitted to the Board for information, outlines WFP's proposed strategy for maintaining core emergency needs assessment, analysis and preparedness capacities into the Biennial Management Plan (2008–2009).

- *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](http://www.wfp.org).)

- *Update on WFP's Engagement in Poverty-Reduction Strategies (I)*

This paper, for information, updates the Board on progress in WFP's engagement with poverty reduction strategies. Following approval in 2006 of the WFP policy paper "Engagement in Poverty Reduction Strategies" (WFP/EB.A/2006/5-B), a number of initiatives have been undertaken to provide guidance to country and regional offices in their efforts to engage in poverty reduction strategy processes. This paper describes these initiatives and outlines emerging strategic issues and challenges facing WFP.



### **EB.1/2008 (18-22 February)**

- *Annual Report for 2007 to ECOSOC and the FAO Council (A)*

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.

### **EB.A/2008 (9-13 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.

- *Annual Update on 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.

### **EB.2/2008 (27-31 October)**

- *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](http://www.wfp.org).)

## **RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS**

### **EB.1/2007 (19–23 February)**

- *Report of the External Auditor on Treasury Management (C)*

To draw attention to the priorities agreed by the Board, the External Auditor has selected areas that are of major 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 specific area and is submitted for consideration.

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

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

- *Update on the WFP Management Plan (2006–2007) (I)*

The Board will have before it, for information, a report on the implementation of the Management Plan for 2006–2007.



## EB.A/2007 (4–8 June)

➤ *Annual Accounts, 2006 (I)*

The Board will have before it, for information, a full set of financial statements and notes for 2006. The financial statements and notes for 2006 present interim financial information for the biennium 2006–2007.

➤ *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 Recommendations of the External Auditor (C)*

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

➤ *Report 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 WFP Management Plan (2006–2007)(I)*

The Board will have before it, for information, a report on the implementation of the Management Plan for 2006–2007.

➤ *Update on Funding Strategic Objective 5 (I)*

In approving the paper "Financial Framework for Strategic Priority 5 Implementation" (WFP/EB.1/2005/5-A), the Executive Board requested the Secretariat to provide an update on the financial resources being directed to new capacity-building activities. This paper, for information, complements the Annual Performance Report's section on Strategic Objective 5 with a more detailed report on the financial resources going to new capacity-building activities.

➤ *Update on Funding for Effectiveness (I)*

In approving the paper "Funding for Effectiveness," the Board requested the Secretariat to report annually on progress, in response to which the Secretariat will provide an update on progress toward the goal of ensuring that 30 percent of all contributions to WFP are provided multilaterally, predictably, early in a donor's fiscal year and without restrictions as to their use. The Secretariat will provide to the board for information updated statistics on overall donor contributions and an analysis of progress toward meeting the target by the end of the biennium.

## EB.2/2007 (22–26 October)

➤ *WFP Biennial Management Plan (2008–2009) (A)*

At its Annual Session in 2000, the Board approved the recommendations contained in the "Report on the Working Group on Governance" (decision 2000/EB.A/6). Governance recommendation (f) established that a Management Plan would be submitted to the Board each financial biennium; the first Management Plan was presented to the Board at the Third Regular Session in 2003. The "WFP Biennial Management Plan (2008–2009)" will include the evaluation budget and work plan for 2008–2009. The document is submitted to the Board for approval.

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

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➤ *Progress Report on the Recommendations of the External Auditor (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.

➤ *Report on International Accounting Standards (I)*

The Board will have before it, for information, a progress report document on the transition to international accounting standards.

### **EB.1/2008 (18-22 February)**

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

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➤ *Update on the WFP Management Plan (I)*

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### **EB.A/2008 (9-13 June)**

➤ *Biennial Audited 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.

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 FAO Finance Committee.

➤ *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.

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

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➤ *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 biennial 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.

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

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

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➤ *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 for 2008–2009.



## 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.1/2007 (19–23 February)

➤ *Evaluation of Indonesia Special Operation 10498.0 – Shipping Services*

At the request of the WFP Ocean Transport Services, this evaluation was conducted in July/August 2006 by two independent consultants. The WFP shipping service for Aceh and Nias was set up in October 2005 to facilitate the sea delivery and logistics coordination of material for rehabilitation and reconstruction of people's livelihoods following the tsunami. The purpose of the evaluation was primarily to learn from the current operation, and opportunities emerging from its implementation and to inform the design of the second phase.

➤ *Evaluation of the Darfur EMOP*

The evaluation of the first phase of WFP's EMOP in Darfur covers the one year period January to December 2005. Implemented in early 2006, it follows a 2004 evaluation of WFP's emergency activities in the Sudan and an OCHA-led inter-agency real-time evaluation of humanitarian assistance to Darfur.

➤ *Mid-term Evaluation of India CP*

The evaluation was conducted in April 2006 by a team of three independent international consultants. It assesses the extent to which the current CP, as implemented, has provided the best possible modalities for reaching the intended objectives, on the basis of results to date. The main use of the evaluation will be to draw lessons from the capacity & model building initiatives and advocacy efforts for the design of future WFP assistance to India, as well as for the design and planning of similar efforts in other countries and regions.

### EB.A/2007 (4–8 June)

➤ *Thematic Evaluation of School Feeding in Emergency Situations*

The Office of Evaluation is undertaking a thematic evaluation of its school feeding programme in emergencies, with the aim of drawing lessons from current practices for future implementation. The evaluation intends to demonstrate how school feeding can effectively address the needs of people in various contexts focusing on aspects of relevance, effectiveness and sustainability and other key operational issues. The evaluation will be based on a combination of desk research and field-based case studies among WFP's ongoing PRROs and EMOPs. The latter are being conducted between October and December 2006.

➤ *Evaluation of the Southern Africa Regional PRRO*

The evaluation of the Southern Africa regional PRRO — "Assistance to Populations in Southern Africa Vulnerable to Food Insecurity and the Impact of Aids" follows the Programme's first real-time evaluation (RTE) of the regional EMOP in 2002-03. It is taking place during the fourth quarter of 2006. Besides giving an independent assessment of the ongoing PRRO (and providing guidance for the successor operation or operations), the findings will provide input to two thematic evaluations which are on OEDE's programme of work – i.e. school feeding in emergencies/relief operations and the HIV-AIDS thematic evaluations

➤ *Evaluation of Indonesia PRRO*

The evaluation of this PRRO was undertaken in September 2006 in order to contribute to the preparation of a possible new PRRO. The evaluation focuses on assessing the effectiveness of the shift from relief to (nutrition) rehabilitation and capacity building in the main, and from relief to rehabilitation and recovery in the Aceh part of the operation.



➤ *Evaluation of Ethiopia PRRO 10362.1*

The mid-term evaluation of the Ethiopia PRRO scheduled for November 2006 will examine, inter alia, the effectiveness of the intervention approaches and their potential impact on people's livelihood, including graduation from chronic vulnerability. The Ethiopia PRRO is currently one of WFP's largest operations globally.

## **EB.2/2007 (22–26 October)**

➤ *Evaluation of Emergency Needs Assessment in WFP*

The evaluation of Emergency Needs Assessment is being undertaken at the request of the Emergency Needs Assessment Branch (ODAN). The main objective of the evaluation is to provide an external assessment of the progress made to improve the utility, credibility, transparency and quality of the ENA undertaken in WFP.

➤ *Meta-Evaluation of Emergency Operations*

Following the meta and thematic evaluations of the Country Programme (2002) and PRRO (2004) programme categories, the Office of Evaluation plans to undertake a meta evaluation of the EMOP programme category in 2007. This evaluation will look at generic issues relating to WFP's emergency interventions and will examine corporate progress made since 1999, when OEDE published a report entitled "Thematic Study of Recurring Challenges in the Provision of Food Assistance in Complex Emergencies".

➤ *Evaluation of Colombia PRRO*

The evaluation of this PRRO in support of internally displaced persons in Colombia is planned to contribute to the preparation of a possible new PRRO. Together with the country office and key stakeholders, a concept paper has been developed and a preparatory mission undertaken to identify the key issues. The evaluation mission will take place in February 2007.

➤ *Evaluation of Haiti PRRO*

The evaluation of this PRRO is planned for the fourth quarter of 2006. It will examine whether the intervention approach has adequately addressed the immediate food needs of those most affected by crises and helped them to recover their food security.

## **EB.1/2008 (18–22 February)**

➤ *Peer Review of the Evaluation function in WFP*

An external peer review of WFP's evaluation function will be conducted in 2007, taking into account the lessons learned from the recent peer reviews of the UNDP and UNICEF evaluation functions. The Office of Evaluation will be working with the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) in late 2006/early 2007 to develop the framework and Terms of Reference for this peer review.

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

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.

## **EB.A/2008 (9-13 June)**

➤ *Evaluation of Algeria PRRO*

The evaluation of the PRRO 10172.1 in support of the Western Saharan refugees in Algeria is scheduled for the second half of 2007 and will assess the extent to which the operation's goals and objectives are being achieved. This will be the first OEDE evaluation of this long-running operation.

➤ *End-of-term Evaluation of WFP's Enhanced Commitments to Women*

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. (Note: It is possible that this evaluation report may be postponed to EB.2/2008 if more time is required to finalize the field work).



## OPERATIONAL MATTERS

### EB.1/2007 (19–23 February)

#### *Country Programmes (A)*

In October 2002, the Board approved the harmonized procedure for CP 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 be then posted on the WFP website and approved at the Second Regular Session on a “no-objection” basis. Since the presentation of the following draft Country programmes had to be postponed to the Second Regular Session in 2006, they are submitted for approval at the First Regular Session of 2007; they will be discussed if, and only if, five Board members or more request it in writing (ref. WFP/EB.2/2003/INF/6).

- Senegal
- Zambia

#### *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:

- Gambia

##### Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

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

- Colombia
- Haiti

##### Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

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

- Uganda

#### *Operational Reports*

- *Final Report on the Ethiopia Drought Insurance Pilot Project (I)*

The Secretariat will present a final report on the Ethiopia Drought Insurance Pilot Project. This paper, presented for information, will cover the performance of the index and commercial contract over the entire contract period from March to October. The report will also discuss lessons learned, the completed implementation plan as well as the integration of drought insurance into Ethiopia’s overall food security strategy in the future.

#### *Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (I)*

- *Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2006)*

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/2007 (4–8 June)**

### *Draft Country Programmes (C)*

In October 2002, the Board approved the harmonized procedure for CP 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:

- Bolivia
- Cameroon
- Honduras
- India
- Mali
- Nepal
- Nicaragua
- Rwanda
- Sierra Leone
- Sri Lanka

### *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:

- Haiti
- Lao People's Democratic Republic
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- Malawi

#### 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
- Republic of the Congo
- Ethiopia
- Indonesia
- Kenya
- Occupied Palestinian Territory

### *Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 July–31 December 2006) (I)*

The Board may have before it, for information, (i) summaries of development projects and PRROs, and (ii) summaries of budget increases to development projects and PRROs approved by the Executive Director within his delegated authority. It will also have before it a report on the utilization of the Immediate Response Account (1 January–31 December 2006).

## **EB.2/2007 (22–26 October)**

### *Country Programmes (A)*

In October 2002, the Board approved the harmonized procedure for CP 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 be then 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 CPs are to be approved on that basis:

- Bolivia
- Cameroon
- Honduras
- India
- Mali
- Nepal



- Nicaragua
- Rwanda
- Sierra Leone
- Sri Lanka

*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:

- Cuba
- Lesotho

Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

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

- Uganda
- Southern Africa Regional
- Sri Lanka
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Cambodia

*Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 January–30 June 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 projects and PRROs approved by the Executive Director within his 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.1/2008 (18-22 February)**

*Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (I)*

- *Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or jointly by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2007)*

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 (9-13 June)**

*Draft Country Programmes (C)*

In October 2002, the Board approved the harmonized procedure for CP 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:

- Niger
- Sudan

*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:

- Guatemala



*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 projects and PRROs approved by the Executive Director within his 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)*

In October 2002, the Board approved the harmonized procedure for CP 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 be then 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 CPs are to be approved on that basis:

- Niger
- Sudan

*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:

- Afghanistan

*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 projects and PRROs approved by the Executive Director within his 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.

## ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

**EB.1/2007 (19–23 February) and EB.A/2007 (4–8 June)***Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board, 2007–2008 (I)*

Further to a request by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2004, an updated version of the Biennial Programme of Work (2007–2008) is presented for information.

**EB.2/2007 (22–26 October)***Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board, 2008–2009 (A)*

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure, the Board will have before it, for approval, its Biennial Programme of Work for 2008–2009.

**EB.1/2008 (18-22 February) and EB.A/2008 (9-13 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.



## ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

### EB.1/2007 (19–23 February)

➤ *Reports of the JIU relevant to 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 presented two years previously (comments on the 2005 JIU report would be made at the 2007 First Regular Session);
- (ii) a list of JIU reports issued in that year; 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, a summary report containing the items listed above for its consideration.

➤ *Report on Aviation Safety (I)*

In October 2004, within the framework of the discussion on the follow-up on the recommendations of the External Auditor, the Board requested that the Secretariat ask the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to undertake a thorough review of issues of air safety in WFP air operations and that the report be shared with the Board. ICAO undertook a 3-months review from July through September 2005. The results of their review is submitted to the Board for information.

### EB.A/2007 (4–8 June)

➤ *Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the period 1 January–31 December 2006 (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 2006. 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 proportionally small losses in countries where large programmes are being implemented are also mentioned.

➤ *Composition of WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories (I)*

The Board will have before it, for information, a list of international professional staff and higher-level staff with contracts of one year or longer employed by WFP as at 31 December 2006. This includes WFP international professional staff, junior professional officers, United Nations volunteers and other categories of staff employed by WFP.

➤ *Information Paper on the Implementation of New Security Management Arrangements (I)*

At its Annual Session in 2005, the Board considered the document “Information Paper on the Implementation of New Security Arrangements” (WFP/EB.A/2005/12-D) and took note of the information it contained, including the Secretariat's intention to inform the Board periodically of progress and to report to the Board any significant changes in WFP's share of costs or in the cost-sharing mechanism. This document is submitted for information.

➤ *Update on WFP Food Procurement (I)*

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### **EB.1/2008 (18-22 February)**

➤ *Reports of the JIU relevant to 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 presented two years previously (comments on the 2006 JIU report would be made at the 2008 First Regular Session);
- (ii) a list of JIU reports issued in that year; 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, a summary report containing the items listed above for its consideration.

### **EB.A/2008 (4–8 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 2006. 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 proportionally small losses in countries where large programmes are being implemented are also mentioned.

➤ *Composition of WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories (I)*

The Board will have before it, for information, a list of international professional staff and higher-level staff with contracts of one year or longer employed by WFP as at 31 December 2007. This includes WFP international professional staff, junior professional officers, United Nations volunteers and other categories of staff employed by WFP.

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## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **EB.1/2007 (19–23 February)**

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

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**EB.1/2008 (18–22 February)**

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## PROVISIONAL FAO/IFAD/WFP CALENDAR OF GOVERNING AND OTHER BODIES 2007-2008

	2007		2008	
<b>JANUARY</b>				
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	ECOSOC 1 IFAD/GC WFP	6 12-16 19-23	ECOSOC 1 IFAD/GC WFP	5 11-15 18-22
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>27 COFI</b> <b>Fisheries MM</b> <b>Forestry MM</b> <b>18 COFO</b>	<b>5-9</b> <b>10</b> <b>12</b> <b>13-16</b>	<b>29 NERC</b> <b>83 CCLM</b> <b>25 ARC</b>	<b>1-5</b> <b>17-18</b> <b>31 March - 4 April</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>81 CCLM</b> <b>66 CCP</b> <b>20 COAG</b> IFAD/EB	<b>4-5</b> <b>16-18</b> <b>18-21</b> 23-27	<b>30 LARC</b> IFAD/EB	<b>14-18</b> 21-25 (tentative)
<b>MAY</b>	<b>33 CFS</b> <b>117 FC</b> <b>97 PC</b>	<b>7-10</b> <b>21-25</b> <b>21-25</b>	<b>29 APRC</b> <b>99 PC</b> <b>119 FC</b>	<b>19-23</b> <b>26-30</b> <b>26-30</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	WFP <b>132 CL</b>	4 - 8 <b>18-22</b>	WFP <b>26 ERC</b>	9-13 <b>23-27</b>
<b>JULY</b>	ECOSOC 2	..	ECOSOC 2	..
<b>AUGUST</b>				
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	IFAD/EB UNGA <b>118 FC</b> <b>98 PC</b> <b>82 CCLM</b>	3-7 18 <b>17-21</b> <b>17-21</b> <b>27- 28</b>	IFAD/EB UNGA <b>120 FC</b> <b>100 PC</b> <b>84 CCLM</b>	8-12 16 <b>22-26</b> <b>22-26</b> <b>29-30</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>WFD</b> WFP	<b>16 (Tuesday)</b> 22-26	<b>34 CFS</b> <b>WFD</b> WFP	<b>7-10</b> <b>16 (Thursday)</b> 27-31
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>133 CL</b> <b>34 C</b> <b>134 CL</b>	<b>14-16</b> <b>17- 24</b> <b>26</b>	<b>135 CL</b>	<b>17-21 (tentative)</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	IFAD/EB	10-14	IFAD/EB	8-12

Easter: 8 Apr 07  
 Ramadan begins: 13 Sept – 12 Oct  
 Eid Al-Fitr: 13 Oct 07  
 Eid Al-Adha: 20 Dec 07

Easter: 23 March 08  
 Ramadan begins: 2 Sept 08  
 Eid Al-Fitr: 2 Oct 08  
 Eid Al-Adha: 9 December 08

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  
 MM Ministerial Meeting  
 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

