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## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1

# ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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- 1. Adoption of the agenda. The Executive Director hereby presents the annotated provisional agenda, which is based on the programme of work of the Executive Board for 1998, approved at the Third Regular Session of 1997. The Executive Board may amend the proposed agenda by deleting, adding or modifying any item.
- 2. Appointment of the Rapporteur. In accordance with the rules of procedure and methods of work adopted by the Board in 1996, the Executive Board may wish to appoint from among its members a Rapporteur for its Third Regular Session.
- 3. **Policy issues.** WFP and the environment—issues and priorities. The Board will have before it, for consideration, a paper summarizing key policy and operational issues faced by WFP when integrating environmental concerns in its operations. The document identifies environmental issues relevant to WFP food-assisted operations in relief and development, and reviews pertinent donor/partner concerns and environmental assessment requirements. The Board may wish to endorse WFP's stance on environmental issues and the proposed responses which will help to mainstream environmental activities in WFP operations.

#### 4. Financial and budgetary matters

- a) Audited Biennial Accounts (1996–97)—Financial Statements and Recommendations of the External Auditor
  - i) WFP 1996-97 Audited Financial Statements. In accordance with General Regulation XIV 6 (b), the Executive Director submits to the Executive 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 statement on the biennial accounts.
  - ii) Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations, 1994–95. At its Annual Session of 1997, the Executive Director presented to the Board a progress report on actions taken by the Programme in the implementation of recommendations made by the External Auditor in his report on the 1994–95 Financial Statements. This paper is an update of progress achieved to date in the implementation of these recommendations, including information on the status and target dates if these have remained outstanding.
  - iii) Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor's Recommendations, 1996-97. Under this item, the Executive Director will present to the Executive Board specific responses to the recommendations of the External Auditor in his 1996-97 audit report, as well as actions that had already been taken during the biennium, or will be taken in the future.
- b) Report of the Office of the Inspector-General (August 1996 to December 1997). In response to the request contained in the Executive Board's decision 1996/EB.A/11, the WFP Office of the Inspector-General (OEDI) hereby submits, for information, the second report of its work, simultaneously with that of the External Auditor. The Board may wish to



- provide its comments which, together with the report, would be forwarded to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS).
- c) Report on budgetary performance (1996–1997). Under this item, the Board will have before it, for information, the Executive Director's report on budgetary performance, 1996–97. The report has been presented, in accordance with WFP's General Regulations, Article XIV.4, to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and the FAO Finance Committee for their advice. The report contains performance information relating to expenditures on operations, as well as on the Programme Support and Administrative (PSA) budget, 1996–97.
- d) Report of the Formal Working Group on the Review of WFP's Resource and Long-term Financing policies. The Executive Board will have before it the report of the Formal Working Group that was established by the Board at its Second Regular Session in May 1998. The Executive Board is requested to consider the report and approve the recommendations it contains for changes to WFP's Resource and Long-term Financing policies.
- 5. **Evaluation reports.** The following evaluation reports, submitted under this item, are for the Executive Board's consideration. The Board is requested to take note of the reports and to endorse the Secretariat's plan to integrate the findings and recommendations into the future work of WFP:
  - Niger 2072.03—Support for mother and child health (MCH) activities and nutritional rehabilitation and education
  - Tajikistan 5253.00—Emergency food aid for vulnerable groups
  - Summary report of the tripartite (UNICEF/UNHCR/WFP) study of the Great Lakes emergency operation

#### **Operational matters**

6.	Country Strategy Outlines. The Executive Board's views are invited on the
	following Country Strategy Outlines:

Benin

Chad

Guinea

Uganda

7. **Country Programmes.** The Executive Board will have before it, for consideration and approval, the following Country Programmes:

Kenya

Mali

Niger



### 8. Projects for Executive Board approval

a) <u>Development projects</u>. Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it, for consideration and approval, the following development project exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority for approval:

Ecuador 3096.02

b) Protracted relief and recovery operations. Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it, for approval, the following protracted relief and recovery operations which exceed the Executive Director's delegated authority:

Afghanistan 5086.05

Cambodia 6038.00

Nepal 5324.03

#### 9. Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters

a) Development and quick action projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 January-30 June 1998. Under this item, the Executive Board may wish to consider summaries of the following development projects approved by the Executive Director between 1 January and 30 June 1998 within her delegated authority:

Colombia 5738.00

Côte d'Ivoire 3358.02

Djibouti 5780.00

Dominican Republic 5948.00

Guyana 4889.01

Liberia 5974.00

Madagascar 3936.01

Malawi 5934.00

Tanzania 5975.00

- b) Budget increases to development projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 January-30 June 1998. A paper will be submitted under this item providing information on budget increases to development projects approved by the Executive Director between 1 January 30 June 1998 within her delegated authority.
- c) Basic activities within approved Country Programmes, approved by the Executive Director, 1 January-30 June 1998. Under this item, the Executive Board may wish to consider the summaries of the following basic activities approved by the Executive Director between 1 January and 30 June 1998 within her delegated authority:

Ghana 5995.00 (Basic activity no. 2)

Haiti 4111.01 (Basic activity no. 2)



Yemen 2453.04 (Basic activity no. 2)

Yemen 5824.00 (Basic activity no. 3)

d) Protracted relief and recovery operations approved by the Executive Director, 1 January-30 June 1998. Under this item, the Executive Board may wish to consider the summary of the following protracted relief and recovery operation approved by the Executive Director between 1 January and 30 June 1998 within her delegated authority:

Bangladesh 5329.02

- e) Budget increases to protracted relief and recovery operations approved by the Executive Director, 1 January-30 June 1998. A paper will be submitted under this item providing information on budget increases to protracted relief operations approved by the Executive Director between 1 January and 30 June 1998 within her delegated authority.
- f) Progress reports on approved projects. The Executive Board will have before it, for information, the following progress reports on projects which have been in operation for two years or longer:

Cape Verde 2394.05

Dominican Republic 5276.00

Ecuador 4463.00

Viet Nam 3844.01

- 10. Organizational and procedural matters
  - a) Programme of work for 1999. In accordance with its established methods of work, the Board will have before it for approval a provisional programme of work for 1999.
  - b) Report of the Working Group on Rules of Procedures of the Executive Board
  - c) Report of the Working Group on Distribution of Seats
- 11. Summaries of the work of the Second Regular and Annual Sessions of 1998. In accordance with the Board's established methods of work, the summaries of the Second Regular and Annual Sessions of 1998 will be submitted for endorsement.
- 12. *Other business*. Representatives and the Executive Director may wish to raise further matters of interest to the Executive Board.
- 13. Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations. The Executive Board will have before it a draft document containing all decisions and/or recommendations taken at its current session, for verification of their accuracy.



