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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 annotated provisional agenda of the Annual Session of 2000. 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.** In accordance with Rule XII of the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board may appoint a Rapporteur among its representatives.

3. **Annual Reports**

a) Annual Report of the Executive Director: 1999

In accordance with WFP General Rule VII.2, the Executive Director will submit to the Board, **for consideration and approval**, her annual report for 1999, which has been prepared in consultation with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO).

This year's Annual Report follows the format established in WFP's General Rule VII.2 and the Executive Board's decision 1999/EB.1/17. Furthermore, and in response to General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 53/192 and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 1998/33, the report also includes a section following a common structure which has been adopted by WFP's main United Nations Development Group (UNDG) partners. This common structure is intended to provide a thorough analysis of problems encountered and lessons learned, with emphasis on issues arising from implementation of the Secretary-General's Reform Programme, the Triennial Policy Review and follow-up to United Nations Conferences so as to enable ECOSOC to fulfil its coordinating role.

b) Annual Report of the Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council on its Activities: 1999

In accordance with WFP General Regulation VI.3 and with paragraph 29 of Annex I to United Nations General Assembly resolution 48/162, the Board will have before it, **for consideration and approval**, the annual report on its activities to ECOSOC and to the Council of FAO.

4. **Policy issues**

a) Emerging Issues Relevant to WFP

In May 1996 the Executive Board identified the need to have an exchange of views on emerging issues in a forward-looking manner, even though these issues might not necessarily require a Board decision or a conventional policy paper. In May 1997, during its Annual Session, the Board agreed that on alternate years the Secretariat would identify relevant issues and put forward a brief paper for consideration. Therefore, the Board will have before it, **for consideration**, a document that reviews working with the military, disease and food insecurity, and communications as issues which merit discussion by the Board.



b) Implementation of the Enabling Development Policy: Interim Progress Report

At the Annual Session of 1999, in considering the Enabling Development policy, the Board stressed the need to concentrate on implementation and the importance of reviewing regularly progress made. Therefore, as requested in its decision 1999/EB.A/2, the Board will have before it, **for information**, an interim progress report on implementation of the policy.

c) WFP Principles and Methods of Monitoring and Evaluation

This paper has been prepared by the Office of Evaluation in response to the Board's request for a discussion paper presenting WFP's principles and methods of monitoring and evaluation. The paper, presented to the Board **for consideration**, outlines current practices and offers a proposed course of action on how to improve and strengthen the monitoring and evaluation function in WFP.

d) Report of the Working Group on Governance

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the Report of the Working Group on Governance, established by Executive Board decision 1999/EB.1/18 of 22 January 1999 to develop ideas and recommendations for strengthening the governance of the World Food Programme. The recommendations of the Working Group are contained in paragraph 3 (points A to W) of the document entitled *Strengthening the Governance of WFP*.

5. ***Resource and financial matters***

a) Rating System of the Criteria for the Selection and Appointment of the WFP External Auditor

The Executive Board decided in 1997 (decision 1997/EB.3/7) that the appointment of the WFP External Auditor would be based on competitive selection from proposals of eligible external auditors. It further decided that the Bureau of the Board would establish procedures and criteria, and initiate and oversee the competitive selection process and evaluate all proposals received.

At its First Regular Session of 1998, the Executive Board, in decision 1998/EB.1/2, approved the procedures and criteria for the selection and appointment of the External Auditor of WFP beyond 2001 and agreed that a rating system for the selection criteria would have to be developed.

In accordance with the above decisions, this paper presents to the Board, **for consideration and approval**, the recommendations of the Bureau with regard to the time frame and the rating system to be followed for the selection of the External Auditor of WFP.

b) Pledging Target (2001-2002)

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, a document presenting the Executive Director's proposed pledging target for the biennium 2001-2002, to be presented to the Pledging Conference jointly convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of FAO, that will be held in the first week of November 2000.



6. *Evaluation Work Plan 2000-2001*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, the 2000 - 2001 Work Plan of the Office of Evaluation. The Plan continues to be based on the overall strategic priorities of WFP with a special focus on relief operations. In addition, the evaluation of Country Programmes will absorb a substantial part of the evaluation resources during the biennium. The Work Plan also contains a number of tasks aimed at improving evaluation skills and facilitating access to evaluation findings and recommendations.

7. *Administrative and managerial matters*

a) Report on Post-delivery Losses for the Period 1 October 1998–30 September 1999

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

b) Composition of WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories—Personnel Statistics Report as at 31 December 1999

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a list of all international professional and higher category staff with fixed-term or continuing contracts by organizational unit at headquarters and for each country office. In addition, statistics will be provided on nationality and gender by grade level, as well as on representation of economically developed and developing countries.

8. *Other business*

Representatives and the Executive Director may wish to raise further matters of interest to the Executive Board.

9. *Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations*

The Executive Board will have before it a draft document containing all decisions taken and recommendations made at its Annual Session for verification of their accuracy.