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NOTE ON THE WFP/UNHCR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1. At its Third Regular Session of 1996, the Executive Board supported WFP's continuing efforts to reach agreement with UNHCR on revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), especially with regard to assessment, counting of beneficiaries, monitoring, reporting and distribution of relief items. The Board recommended (document WFP/EB.3/96/14, recommendation 1996/EB.3/4 e)) that every effort be made to present the agreed upon, updated revision at the Board's Second Regular Session in March 1997.
2. As requested by the Executive Board, the revised version of the "WFP/UNHCR Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the Joint Working Arrangements for Refugee, Returnee and Internally Displaced Persons Operations" is presented in document EB.2/97/3-C/Add.1. This revised MOU, which was signed on 17 March 1997, will be effective from 31 March 1997, at which date the previous version, signed in January 1994, will expire.
3. The main concerns addressed in the revised MOU include the need to improve accountability through better assessments of food aid needs, monitoring and reporting; better definition of beneficiaries; and WFP's role in final distribution.



