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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 Third Regular Session of 1999. 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 from among its representatives.

3. ***Financial and Budgetary Matters***

a) The WFP Biennial Budget for the period 2000–2001

In accordance with the provisions contained in General Regulation XIV.6, the Executive Director will submit to the Board, **for approval**, the biennial WFP budget for the financial period 2000–2001. The comments and advice of the FAO Finance Committee and the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) will also be submitted to the Board.

In drawing up the budget proposals, the Executive Director has taken into account the guidance provided by the Board in relation to the WFP Strategic and Financial Plan 2000–2003, endorsed at its Annual Session in May 1999.

In the budget document, the Executive Director explains the approach taken in preparing the proposals within the overall context of WFP's strategic priorities, while bearing in mind the need to re-formulate the presentation of the biennial budget to conform it to the provisions set out in WFP's Resource and Long-term Financing policies approved by the Executive Board in January 1999.

b) Second Progress Report on the Implementation of Recommendations in the 1996–97 Audit Report of the External Auditor

The Executive Director will present to the Board, **for information**, specific responses to the recommendations of the External Auditor in his 1996–97 audit report, as well as actions that have been taken since the first progress report presented to the Executive Board at its Third Regular Session in October 1998, or will be taken in the future. The comments and advice of the FAO Finance Committee and the ACABQ will also be submitted to the Board.

c) Funding of WFP's After-service Medical Liabilities

The Executive Director will present to the Board, **for approval**, proposals for setting up and funding a special provision to meet after-service medical liabilities. The comments and advice of the FAO Finance Committee and the ACABQ will also be submitted to the Board.

d) WFP Financial Rules

In decision 1999/EB.1/5, the Executive Board approved revisions to the General Regulations, General Rules and Financial Regulations. On the basis of the above regulations and rules, Financial Rules have been established by the Executive Director in accordance with Financial Regulation 2.2. The Financial Rules,



which have been provided to the Finance Committee and ACABQ for information, are submitted to the Executive Board **for information**.

4. **Evaluation Reports.** Evaluation documents submitted under this item are presented to the Executive Board **for consideration**. The Board is requested to comment upon the reports and to endorse the Secretariat's plan to integrate the recommendations and lessons learned into the future work of WFP:
 - Thematic Study of Recurring Challenges in the Provision of Food Assistance in Complex Emergencies
 - End-of-term Evaluation of Country Programme—Pakistan (1994–1998)
 - Summary Evaluation Report on WFP Strategic Fleet Operations in the Great Lakes Region

Operational Matters

5. **Strategy Outlines.** The Executive Board's views are invited on the following documents, submitted **for consideration**:
 - Programme Strategy Outline: Palestinian Territory
 - Country Strategy Outline: Pakistan
6. **Country Programmes.** The Executive Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following Country Programmes:
 - Benin (2000–2003)
 - Lesotho (2000–2002)
7. **Projects for Executive Board Approval**
 - a) **Development Projects.** The Executive Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following development project exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:
 - Sri Lanka 4521.01
 - b) **Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations.** 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 6064.01
 - Angola 6159.00
 - Armenia 6120.01
 - Colombia 6139.00
 - Korea, Democratic People's Republic of 6157.00
 - Nepal 6151.00
 - Sri Lanka 6152.00
8. **Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters**
 - a) **Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director, 1 January–30 June 1999.** The Executive Board will have before it, **for information**, summaries of the following



development projects approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority:

- Central African Republic 5837.00
- Gambia 5932.01

- b) Budget Increases to Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director, 1 January–30 June 1999. The Executive Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing budget increases to development projects approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority.
- c) Basic Activities within Approved Country Programmes, Approved by the Executive Director, 1 January–30 June 1999. The Executive Board will have before it, **for information**, summaries of the following basic activities approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority:
- Bolivia 2735.03
 - Burkina Faso 6130.00
 - Egypt 5789.00
 - India 2206.07
 - Malawi 6142.00
 - Mauritania 6015.00
 - Mauritania 6016.00
 - Niger 6105.00
 - Niger 6106.00
- d) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director, 1 January–30 June 1999. The Executive Board will have before it, **for information**, summaries of the following protracted relief and recovery operations approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority:
- Algeria 6099.00
 - Bangladesh 6155.00
 - Sri Lanka 5346.05
 - Yemen 6090.00
 - Zambia 6134.00
- e) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director, 1 January–30 June 1999. The Executive Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing budget increases to protracted relief and recovery operations approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority.



- f) Progress Reports on Approved Projects. The Executive Board will have before it, **for information**, progress reports on projects which have been in operation for two years or longer:
- Guatemala 5279.00
 - Peru 5162.00

9. ***Organizational and Procedural Matters***

- a) Provisional Programme of Work for the Year 2000. Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board will have before it, **for approval**, a provisional programme of work for the year 2000.
- b) Looking Forward: Humanitarian Policy Concerns for WFP. The document will be submitted to the Board **for consideration**. It provides further information on several papers to which the Provisional Programme of Work for the year 2000 refers, and identify other topics which the Board may wish to discuss at an appropriate time. The Board is invited to comment on whether it wishes to receive papers on different or additional topics.
- c) Revision of WFP's General Rule XIII.1: Contributions. General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/203 call upon the governing bodies of the funds and programmes of the United Nations to adopt a specific and achievable target for core resources. WFP's General Rule XIII.1, as it stands currently, foresees that such a target would be set from time to time by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the FAO Conference. In order for the Executive Board of WFP to comply with the mandate contained in the aforementioned resolutions, the relevant General Rule should be amended. The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the proposed amendment.

10. ***Administrative and Managerial Matters***

- a) Review of the Methodology on Local Purchases. At its Annual Session of 1998, the Executive Board considered a document on Local Purchases of Food and Non-food Items. The Board urged the Secretariat to be aware of the possible positive or negative consequences of such purchases and requested that the Secretariat present a document explaining the analytical process undertaken prior to the purchasing of food locally. In 1999 the Secretariat conducted a review of WFP's procedures for effecting purchases of food in developing countries. The Board will have before it, **for information**, a report outlining the findings and recommendations resulting from that review.
- b) Status Report on the Security Awareness Training Initiative. In response to the alarming increase of violence against humanitarian workers, the Executive Director decided to deliver a one-time Security Awareness Training Programme for all WFP staff members within 1999. The Board will have before it, **for information**, a report on the status of activities carried out over the first three quarters of 1999 and activities projected for the last quarter of the year.

11. ***Summaries of the Work of the Second Regular and Annual Sessions of 1999.*** In accordance with the Executive Board's decision at its Second Regular Session of 1996 on its methods of work, the Summaries of the Work of the Second Regular and Annual Sessions of 1999 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.

