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Annotated provisional agenda

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 provisional agenda for the 2024 annual session of the Board. During the session the Board may, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, amend the agenda by the deletion, addition or modification of any item.

2. ***Election to fill one vacant seat on the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur***

The Board will elect one Bureau member alternate for List A to replace a representative who has departed from Rome.

Pursuant to rule XII and in keeping with its established methods of work, the Board may appoint a Rapporteur from among the representatives participating in the session.

3. ***Opening remarks by the Executive Director***

Under this item the Executive Director will make an oral presentation to the Board on current and future strategic issues facing WFP.

4. ***Annual reports***

a) Annual performance report for 2023

General Rule VII.2 states: "Each year the Executive Director shall submit to the Board **for its consideration and 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 2023 aims to present a relevant and evidence-based analysis of WFP's performance, reflecting the commitments made for the year as defined in the strategic and management plans.

b) Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2023

The annual report of the Ethics Office will be presented to the Board **for its consideration**. The report will cover the work of the Ethics Office in each area of its mandate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023 and will provide information about its activities.

c) Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2023 and management note

The annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services will be presented to the Board **for its consideration**. The report will cover the work of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services in each area of its mandate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023 and will provide information about its activities.

5. **Policy issues**

a) Update on WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response (2023)

This document provides an overview of WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response during the last year, flags trends and challenges affecting WFP's response and highlights implications for WFP. This item will be presented to the Board **for consideration**.

b) Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system)

As agreed by the Bureau at its 10 February 2022 meeting, the Secretariat will provide an annual update to the Board on the implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279, on repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda. The update will be presented **for consideration**.

c) Update on WFP's response to HIV and AIDS

The document gives a progress report on the implementation of WFP's HIV and AIDS policy (WFP/EB.2/2010/4-A) in the context of continued scaling-up of treatment with anti-retroviral drugs. It also describes recent successes in integrating food and nutrition into Global Fund proposals related to HIV and tuberculosis. This item will be presented to the Board **for information**.

d) Oral update on disability inclusion*

As agreed with the Bureau at its 18 September 2023 meeting, the Secretariat will present an update on how disability inclusion is integrated into WFP's activities. This item will be presented to the Board **for information**.

e) Amendment of the WFP evaluation policy 2022

Further to the consultations held in the first half of 2024 on the revised coverage norms for the country strategic plan (CSP) evaluations, an amendment of the WFP evaluation policy 2022 will be presented to the Board **for approval**.

f) Amendment of the policy on country strategic plans

Further to the consultations held in the first half of 2024 on the revised coverage norms for the CSP evaluations, an amendment of the policy on country strategic plans will be presented to the Board **for approval**.

* Items marked with an asterisk are to be presented for information only but will nevertheless be discussed during the session.

6. *Resource, financial and budgetary matters*

a) Audited annual accounts, 2023¹

The audited annual accounts present a full set of financial statements and notes for 2023. They also contain a review by the External Auditor of the financial statements, which provides an independent assessment for the Secretariat and the Board of the management controls on which the Secretariat has relied for the preparation of the annual financial statements. The two performance audit reports of the External Auditor and the report on the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations have been consolidated into the audited annual accounts, in line with the new approach agreed with the External Auditor at the Bureau meeting of 6 March 2024. This item will be presented to the Board **for approval**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (ACABQ) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Finance Committee.

b) Update to the management plan (2024–2026)

The Secretariat will present an update to the management plan (2024–2026), including both the organization structural review and the programme support and administrative budget reduction. This item will be presented to the Board **for approval**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

c) Annual report of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

At its 2009 first regular session, the Board endorsed the creation of the WFP Audit Committee as a body reporting to the Board and the Executive Director. At the 2021 second regular session of the Board, the title was changed to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee in recognition of its revised terms of reference. This annual report will cover the activities of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The closing date coincides with the finalization of the annual financial statements, a prime focus area of the Committee for the period under review. This item will be presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

d) Annual report of the Inspector General and note by the Executive Director

In accordance with Article VI (2) (b) (viii) of the WFP General Regulations, the Board is provided with a report of the Inspector General on oversight activities.

This report covering 2023 provides the oversight perspective regarding WFP's governance, risk management and control and provides overviews of the activities of the Office of the Inspector General, the Office of Internal Audit and the Office of Inspections and Investigations. The report is submitted together with a note by the Executive Director. The two items will be presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

¹ The two performance audit reports of the External Auditor and the report on the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations have been consolidated into the audited annual accounts for 2023, in line with the new approach agreed with the External Auditor at the Bureau meeting of 6 March 2024.

e) Management review of significant risk and control issues, 2023

The Secretariat will provide further description and analysis of the significant risk and control matters which have been highlighted in the 2023 Executive Director's Statement on Internal Control available in the audited annual accounts, 2023, and which have been prioritized for attention in 2024. The analysis will draw on the review of feedback provided by global management in the 2023 Executive Director Assurance Exercise and references evidence from internal oversight bodies. This item will be presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

f) Report on the utilization of WFP's strategic financing mechanisms (1 January–31 December 2023)

The report covers WFP's use of advance financing, corporate services financing and the Global Commodity Management Facility. This item will be presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

g) Report of the Executive Director on contributions, reductions and waivers of costs under General Rule XIII.4 (f) in 2023

In accordance with General Rule XIII.4 (f), this report is submitted to the Executive Board **for information** and provides a summary of contributions that do not achieve full cost recovery received from governments of developing countries, countries with economies in transition and other non-traditional donors (General Rule XIII.4 (c)); contributions with reductions or waivers of indirect support costs and, where applicable, direct support costs of an activity or activities (General Rule XIII.4 (d)) and; contributions from governments of developing countries and countries with economies in transition with a reduced indirect support cost rate as set by the Board (General Rule XIII.4 (e)).

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

h) Workplan of the External Auditor

This document presents the workplan of the External Auditor, detailing the audit activities for the period 2024–2025. Adherence to international standards on auditing and proven audit methods will form the basis of the External Auditor's assurance of providing high-quality services to WFP. The workplan covers financial, performance and compliance audits as well as quality reviews and individual audit assessments. This item will be presented to the Board **for information**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

7. **Evaluation reports**

a) Annual evaluation report for 2023 and management response

The annual evaluation report provides an overview of centralized and decentralized evaluations completed, conducted and planned. It examines the performance of the WFP evaluation function and highlights areas for attention in coming years. This item is presented **for consideration**.

- b) Summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's work on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse and management response

This strategic evaluation report will provide an analysis and assessment of the strategies and measures implemented for the protection from sexual exploitation and abuse in WFP. This item is presented **for consideration**.

- c) Summary evaluation reports on country strategic plans and management responses

The evaluations provide an analysis and assessment of all WFP activities comprising the country strategic plans. They evaluate the performance and results and provide evaluative insights to make evidence-based decisions about positioning WFP, strategic partnerships, programme design, and implementation. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office's subsequent strategic plan and programme implementation. Summary evaluation reports and management responses will be presented, **for consideration**, for the following country strategic plans and interim country strategic plans:

1. Guinea (2018–2024)
2. Lesotho (2019–2024)

- d) Implementation status of evaluation recommendations

This document presents the annual status report on the implementation of the evaluation recommendations presented to the Board. It describes the actions taken by headquarters divisions, regional bureaux and country offices to implement evaluation recommendations. This item is presented **for consideration**.

8. **Operational matters**

- a) Country strategic plans

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following country strategic plans:

1. Guinea (2024–2029)
2. Lesotho (2024–2029)
3. Nicaragua (2024–2029)

- b) Oral global overview of humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities*

An oral global overview on humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities will be presented to the Board **for information**.

- c) Oral update on the global assurance project*

At the request of the Board, the Secretariat will present an oral update on the developments made on the global assurance project. The item will be presented to the Board **for information**.

9. **Organizational and procedural matters**

- a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2024–2025)

Further to a request by the Board at its third regular session in 2004, an updated version of the biennial programme of work (2024–2025) will be presented **for information**.

10. *Administrative and managerial matters*

a) Appointment of two members to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

The Board will appoint two members to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee on the basis of the recommendations by the selection panel. This item will be presented to the Board **for approval**.

b) Address by staff representative bodies to the Board

As per procedure established in 2012, staff representative bodies will present their address to the Board on questions of interest to the organization and its staff.

c) Report on global losses for the period 1 January–31 December 2023

The Executive Director will submit to the Board, **for information**, a report on food losses incurred prior to and after delivery in recipient countries.

At its 2000 annual session 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 describes the measures taken by WFP to keep pre- and post delivery losses to a minimum between 1 January and 31 December 2023. It makes specific mention of the largest losses, both in terms of absolute and proportional net cost.

d) Update on food procurement

At the Board’s 2006 first regular session Board members asked WFP to report more regularly on food procurement activities as a follow-up to the policy outlined in the document entitled “Food Procurement in Developing Countries” (WFP/EB.1/2006/5-C). This report, presented **for information**, provides: i) statistics on food procurement; ii) an update on food procurement capacity; and iii) an analysis of the interplay between local, regional and international procurement. In accordance with General Rule XII.4, the report will also cover the use of unrestricted cash resources to purchase commodities in developing countries.

e) Statistical report on international professional staff and higher categories at 31 December 2023

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a report outlining WFP staffing as at 31 December 2023. It provides the number of international professional and higher category staff holding indefinite, continuing or fixed term (one year or more) appointments and junior professional officers and United Nations volunteers participating in WFP activities. The report also provides statistics on the geographical distribution of WFP international professional and higher category staff.

f) Security report*

At its 2007 second regular session, the Board requested that the WFP security report be shared with Board members. This document presents an analysis of significant security incidents involving WFP staff, assets and partners in 2023 along with statistical data on geographical distribution and types of security incidents. This item will be presented to the Board **for information**.

g) Replacement of a member of the selection panel for the appointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee members

Further to the departure from Rome of the representative of List A on the selection panel for the appointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee members, a new member will be proposed by List A **for approval** by the Board.

11. Summary of the work of the 2024 first regular session of the Executive Board

In accordance with the Board's decision at its 1996 second regular session on its methods of work, the summary of work of the 2024 first regular session is submitted **for approval**.

12. Other business

a) Interim report on the governance review

This interim report provides a progress update on the work of the working group on the governance review and presents a first set of recommendations, as requested in the terms of reference of the working group, that could be immediately implemented by the Secretariat upon the Board's **approval**.

b) Oral report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP*

An oral report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP will be provided to the Board **for information**.

c) Update on United Nations Humanitarian Air Service*

At the request of the Bureau, an update on the operations and activities of the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service will be presented to the Board **for information**.

13. Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations

The Board will have before it a draft document containing all decisions and recommendations taken at its current session, for verification of their accuracy.