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# Decisions and recommendations of the 2024 second regular session of the Executive Board

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#### **Decisions and recommendations**

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

#### Adoption of the agenda

The Board adopted the agenda for the session.

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#### Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with rule XII of it rules of procedure, the Board appointed Mr Vito Su (United States of America, List D) as Rapporteur for its 2024 second regular session.

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#### Current and future strategic issues

### 2024/EB.2/1 Opening remarks by the Executive Director, including an overview of current and future opportunities and challenges for WFP

The Board took note of the opening remarks by the Executive Director. The main points of the Executive Director and the Board's comments would be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

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#### Resource, financial and budgetary matters

#### 2024/EB.2/2 WFP management plan (2025–2027)

Having considered WFP's management plan for 2025–2027 (WFP/EB.2/2024/5-A/1/Rev.1), the Board:

- i) *noted* that the 2025 programme support and administrative appropriation assumes a funding level of USD 8 billion in 2025 (the "global contribution forecast");
- ii) *took note* of the projected operational requirements of USD 16.9 billion for 2025 and the provisional implementation plan of USD 8.8 billion for 2025, as outlined in section III of the management plan for 2025–2027;
- iii) *approved* a 2025 programme support and administrative appropriation of USD 480 million (the "appropriation"), to be allocated as follows:

Total	USD 480.0 million
governance, independent oversight and fundraising	USD 131.3 million
services to operations	USD 239.2 million
strategy and direction	USD 109.5 million

iv) *authorized* the Executive Director to increase the appropriation in the case of an increase in the global contribution forecast of at least USD 300 million, at a rate not to exceed 2 percent of the anticipated increase in that forecast, and in all other cases urged and authorized the Executive Director to reduce the appropriation by up to 10 percent by implementing cost-saving measures, as feasible;

- *approved* the use of the programme support and administrative equalization account to fund any shortfall between indirect support cost revenue from contributions and the appropriation, as may be reduced pursuant to paragraph iv) above;
- vi) *approved* a standard indirect support cost recovery rate of 6.5 percent for 2025 for all contributions except for such contributions received pursuant to General Rule XIII.4(e), for which an indirect support cost recovery rate of 4 percent shall apply;
- vii) *approved*:
  - a) WFP's plan to self-insure all health insurance schemes as of 1 January 2026; and
  - b) WFP's plan to expand the scope of the operational self-insurance fund (the "captive") to include financial risks, property risks, and emerging and hard-to-insure risks that are difficult to insure under commercial insurance coverage;
- viii) *approved* the use of the unearmarked portion of the General Fund for a total amount of USD 152.4 million, specifically to:
  - a) *replenish* the Immediate Response Account by the amount of USD 75 million to improve the availability of funds for allocations from that account;
  - b) *fund* critical corporate initiatives by the amount of USD 30.4 million from the unearmarked portion of the General Fund, as follows:
    - i. USD 3.0 million for the second year of the critical corporate initiative on "Monitoring, identity management and traceability", which seeks to strengthen monitoring and improve beneficiary identity management by implementing digital commodity tracking and minimum assurance standards for in-kind food operations, and remote output and outcome monitoring activities;
    - ii. USD 5.1 million for a new two-year critical corporate initiative on "International Public Sector Accounting Standards implementation", which supports the adoption of new accounting standards by ensuring that corporate accounting policies and models are revised, new operational procedures are applied, information systems can support the accounting and reporting requirements; and staff have the necessary skills and knowledge;
    - iii. USD 5.1 million for a new three-year critical corporate initiative on "Positioning WFP to unlock diverse funding", aimed at diversifying funding while protecting and expanding WFP's current partnerships and its reputation as a partner of choice, and enabling country offices to expand funding by increasing their capacity to identify and pursue new and different partnerships;
    - iv. USD 5.1 million for a new two-year critical corporate initiative on "Duty of care and inclusion", which aims to align WFP's commitment to duty of care with its "stay and deliver" approach, ensuring that the organization remains agile and effective in high-risk environments while upholding standards for well-being, workplace inclusion, and safety and security;
    - v. USD 11.0 million for a new two-year critical corporate initiative on "*Digital integration and modernization*" aimed at modernizing and integrating WFP's information technology and digital infrastructure to enhance operational efficiency and align the technology infrastructure including for enterprise resource planning, data systems, payroll systems and artificial intelligence with WFP's strategic goals; and

- vi. USD 1.1 million for the last year of the critical corporate initiative on the *"United Nations Sustainable Development Group efficiency road map"*, which covers activities aimed at ensuring that WFP has the capacity to prepare for, participate in, deliver and lead United Nations development system reform efforts, and developing a model for the delivery and financing of shared services;
- c) *allocate* the amount of USD 20 million to fund exceptional costs related to the management of the planned reductions in the workforce to align it with operational needs and strategic workforce planning;
- d) *invest* the amount of USD 20 million in the individual fundraising model, on the understanding that the Board will receive additional background information on the model and its performance before any further investment is put forward for approval in the next management plan; and
- e) *allocate* the amount of USD 7 million to the new health self-insurance fund for expanding the health self-insurance scheme.
- ix) *approved* the resourcing target level of USD 400 million for the Immediate Response Account in 2025, in line with the 2024 level; and
- x) *approved* the evaluation function workplan and priorities for 2025–2027 as presented in annex VII.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2024/5-(A,B)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2024/5-(A,B)/3).

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### 2024/EB.2/3 Report of the External Auditor on findings from field audits and WFP management response

The Board took note of the report of the External Auditor on findings from field audits (WFP/EB.2/2024/5-B/1) and management's response (WFP/EB.2/2024/5-B/1/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the External Auditor's recommendations, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2024/5-(A,B)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2024/5-(A,B)/3).

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#### **Other business**

# 2024/EB.2/4 Second interim report of the Executive Board working group on the governance review: Remaining recommendations from the independent consultant's report, recommendations from other governance initiatives and next steps

Having considered the report of the Executive Board working group on the governance review set out in document WFP/EB.2/2024/11-A, the Executive Board:

- i) *approved* the costed implementation plan for all remaining recommendations from the independent consultant's report as set out in annex I of this document and *called for* their immediate implementation, as follows:
  - 1) sub-recommendation 2.2: the Board *commended* the efforts already made to rationalize and streamline Board documents under each of the governance frameworks; *endorsed* the

Secretariat's proposal to introduce more strategic, concise and timely policy documents within the word limits of the 2004 guidelines and a revised, simplified narrative template for country strategic plans (noting that the Board *advised* the Secretariat to share the revised template with the membership); *requested* the oversight functions to strengthen the key messages in oversight documents in line with the proposals outlined under sub-recommendation 5.3; and *requested* the Secretariat to improve the presentation of accountability documents as outlined under recommendation 6;

- recommendation 3: the Board *requested* the Secretariat to update the WFP policy formulation framework to enable a more streamlined, efficient and predictable process and more effective and strategic guidance by the membership, as set out under sub-recommendations 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5;
- 3) sub-recommendation 3.1: the Board *endorsed* the Secretariat's proposal to conduct a policy analysis with each strategic plan every four years and a gap analysis as part of the annual policy compendium and *advised* the Secretariat to draw on the outcomes of policy evaluations conducted by WFP's Office of Evaluation to inform the identification of policy gaps and the assessment of the need for formulating new policies or updating an existing policy. The Board further *requested* the Secretariat to review the mechanisms in place for decommissioning outdated policies as part of its update of the WFP policy formulation framework;
- 4) sub-recommendations 3.2 and 3.3: the Board *endorsed* a three-phased approach for streamlining Board engagement on policy formulation, which entails: (i) conducting a strategic informal discussion between WFP management and the Board during the policy conception phase (including by exploring the use of workshops or other meeting modalities), informed by a policy brief; (ii) convening two informal consultations for the membership to review the advanced policy draft: an online written consultation where the policy draft will be shared on the virtual consultation platform for the membership to provide comments in writing, and an in-person consultation, noting that additional informal consultations may be called by the Board as necessary; and (iii) submission of the final policy for the Board's approval at a formal session. The Board further *requested* the Secretariat to highlight the main revisions made to the policy drafts following each informal consultation with the Board;
- 5) sub-recommendation 3.4: the Board *advised* the Secretariat to conduct broad internal and external consultations with stakeholders in a transparent and inclusive manner to inform the policy formulation process;
- 6) sub-recommendation 3.5: at the time of Board approval of new or updated policies, the Board *advised* that relevant plans for implementation and indicative budgets be provided as supplementary notes to policies;
- 7) recommendation 5: the Board *requested* the Secretariat to update the 2018 WFP oversight framework in line with its current workplan for transitioning to an oversight and accountability framework to implement recommendations from the Joint Inspection Unit report *Review of accountability frameworks of the United Nations system organizations* (JIU/REP/2023/3, paragraph 22) and submit the updated framework for the Board's approval;
- 8) sub-recommendation 5.3: the Board *endorsed* the efforts already made to rationalize and streamline Board documents on oversight and *requested* the oversight functions to further strengthen the key messages in these documents. The Board further *requested* the oversight functions to adhere to existing Board documentation submission deadlines for both formal sessions and informal meetings;

- 9) sub-recommendation 5.4: the Board *requested* the Secretariat to propose a list of Board session agenda items on which the Board needs to draw on the advice of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for all matters related to WFP financial administration in accordance with Article XIV.6 of the General Regulations, in consultation with the two advisory bodies, and to submit this list to the Board for its review and approval;
- 10) sub-recommendation 5.5: the Board *requested* the Secretariat to (i) centralize the follow-up actions and processes for all recommendations from all the oversight bodies to reduce the risk of overlaps and gaps, (ii) grant the membership access to WFP's oversight recommendations dashboard and (iii) ensure that the new WFP oversight and accountability framework encompasses mechanisms for following up comprehensively on recommendations from the oversight bodies;
- sub-recommendation 5.6: the Board requested the oversight and advisory bodies to 11) strengthen the coordination of informal Board meetings to increase efficiency. It recommended holding a minimum of three informal meetings per year with the Inspector General, the External Auditor and the WFP Risk Management Division. It also recommended maintaining its current engagement with the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services and the Ethics Office (twice a year) and the Office of Evaluation (through the annual consultation on evaluation and the evaluation roundtables), noting that ad-hoc meetings may be called by the Board as necessary. The Board recognized the mandate of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee to provide independent expert advice in fulfilling its governance responsibilities with regard to oversight matters and recommended the introduction of regular, direct interactions between the Board and the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee by inviting Board members to attend the regular Independent Oversight Advisory Committee debrief meetings. The Board recommended that the relevance of these informal meetings be periodically assessed, and adjustments made to their format, frequency or content, as necessary;
- 12) recommendation 6: the Board *recognized* that the annual performance report and management plan are core accountability documents and *appreciated* efforts already made to rationalize these documents to facilitate strategic discussions and decisions. The Board *advised* the Secretariat to enhance document presentation by (i) introducing key findings as bullet points at the start of each part of the annual performance report; and (ii) focusing the management plan on sections that require Board advice, reducing the length of narrative or contextual sections, and exploring ways to present complex information in a reader-friendly manner (such as through the use of graphic summaries and bullet points for explanations);
- 13) recommendation 7: the Board *requested* the Secretariat to include the definition of key concepts such as "strategy", "policy" and "enablers" in the forthcoming policy formulation framework document and specify the linkages between these concepts. The Board also *advised* the Secretariat to increase the visibility of WFP's strategies for the Board by publishing a comprehensive repository of strategies on the Executive Board website;
- 14) sub-recommendation 10.2: the Board *underscored* that the code of conduct to prevent harassment, including sexual harassment, within United Nations systems applies to all events of the Executive Board and *recommended* that the Executive Board follow United Nations best practices for codes of conduct concerning their governing bodies;

- 15) sub-recommendation 11.1: concerning the frequency, purpose, content, format and documentation of informal meetings, the Board:
  - frequency: advised the Bureau to actively review the schedule of informal meetings in the Board calendar and the distribution of items in the Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board, and assess the strategic value and relevance of the planned meetings, in line with Rule V on the Functions of the Bureau in the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, recognizing that the Board reserves the right to request informal consultations as needed;
  - purpose: *advised* that each informal meeting be accompanied by a clear definition of the expected objectives and guidance being sought from the Board;
  - content and format: *advised* that informal meetings be clearly focused on strategic, policy, oversight and financial matters and that other modalities such as workshops, brown bags or online written consultations be explored to facilitate dialogue on more technical issues or other matters that do not lead up to a Board decision;
  - documentation: *requested* that a formal deadline for the submission of documentation for informal meetings be introduced to increase the strategic value of the feedback of the Board, namely two weeks before the meetings on documents to be subsequently submitted to the Board for decision and one week for other meetings on matters that do not require a Board decision;
- 16) sub-recommendation 11.2: the Board *requested* the Secretariat to implement a streamlined country strategic plan consultation process that begins with a four-week online consultation for the membership to provide written technical comments on draft country strategic plans, followed by an informal consultation focused on strategic issues, after the conclusion of the online review and the provision of management responses. The Board *advised* that the format for the presentation of country strategic plans during formal sessions remain as per current practice;

For the presentation of operational matters, the Board also *advised* that regional overviews are no longer tabled during Board sessions and that regional operational matters be addressed as part of the oral global overview of humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities;

- 17) sub-recommendation 12.2: the Board *decided* to hold the first regular session in two parts in January and February: a brief session will take place in January and be solely dedicated to the election of the Bureau; following the election, the session will be suspended to resume in February to cover the standard business of current first regular sessions. Both parts will take place in person at WFP headquarters. The Board *decided* to maintain the current documentation posting deadlines for items to be discussed in February and noted that Rule III.6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board should be revised accordingly;
- sub-recommendation 12.3: the Board *decided* not to introduce any change to the current Bureau membership term, whereby Bureau members are appointed for a tenure of one year;
- 19) sub-recommendation 12.4: the Board *advised* that the general roles and responsibilities of the List convenors be included in the handbook that will be developed under sub-recommendation 13.2 as described in the interim report of the working group (WFP/EB.A/2024/12-A/Rev.1); and

- 20) sub-recommendation 12.5: the Board *advised* that the use of digital tools be explored to support the work of List convenors.
- ii) *noted* that no further action was necessary on recommendation 4 and sub-recommendations 5.1, 5.2, 9.3 and 12.1, based on the working group's advice as follows:
  - 1) recommendation 4: the working group had provided its recommendations to the Secretariat on the ongoing policy framework review, which is informing the finalization of WFP's forthcoming policy on policy formulation;
  - 2) sub-recommendation 5.1: an adequate level of coordination among the oversight bodies to prevent overlaps had been reached and synergies or similarities between oversight recommendations could be helpful in reinforcing or corroborating recommendations;
  - 3) sub-recommendation 5.2: coordination among the oversight functions on their workplans had improved, minimizing the impact on WFP teams;
  - sub-recommendation 9.3: the proposal to leverage and expand the current online virtual consultation platform for policy matters had been addressed under sub-recommendations
    3.2 and 3.3; and
  - 5) sub-recommendation 12.1: the proposal to facilitate a clear understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Bureau was addressed under sub-recommendations 13.1 (conduct a half-day introductory session for Bureau members) and 13.2 (develop a handbook for Bureau members) in the interim report of the working group (WFP/EB.A/2024/12-A/Rev.1).
- iii) further to sub-recommendation 12.2, which concerns holding the first regular session in two parts in January and February, the Executive Board *approved* the revision of Rule III.6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board as follows: "The Executive Director shall submit documentation relating to items on the provisional agenda, in the languages of the Board in accordance with Rule XIV, to the members of the Board and observers representing Members of the United Nations or Members or Associate Members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, normally four weeks before the agenda item is considered at a session. The documentation shall clearly present the issues proposed for decision by the Board."
- iv) *noted* that no further action was necessary on recommendation 4 from the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled *Review of governance and oversight of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN Women* on sub-committees, especially with regard to oversight.
- v) requested the Secretariat to review, prepare responses and take action, as appropriate, on points outlined in the External Auditor's separate report on the specific examination of competencies transferred from the Executive Board to the Executive Director as laid out in annex II, taking note that action points 3 and 4 on budgetary matters had been issued as formal recommendations in the External Auditor's report on the audited annual accounts 2023 (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-A/1) and had been accepted by the Secretariat.
- vi) *requested* the Executive Board Secretariat to provide regular updates to the Board on the implementation of the above recommendations.

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#### Administrative and managerial matters

#### 2024/EB.2/5 Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2025–2026)

The Board approved the biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2025–2026) as set out in document WFP/EB.2/2024/8-A and as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

19 November 2024 Middle East, Northern Africa and Eastern Europe portfolio 20024/EB.2/6 Interim country strategic plan – Ukraine (2025–2027)

The Board approved the Ukraine interim country strategic plan (2025–2027) (WFP/EB.2/2024/7-A/4) at a total cost to WFP of USD 2,113,908,594.

19 November 2024

#### **Policy issues**

#### 2024/EB.2/7 Resilience policy update

The Board approved the resilience policy update (WFP/EB.2/2024/4-A)

20 November 2024

#### 2024/EB.2/8 Climate change policy update

The Board approved the climate change policy update (WFP/EB.2/2024/4-C).

20 November 2024

#### 2024/EB.2/9 School meals policy update

The Board approved the school meals policy update (WFP/EB.2/2024/4-B).

20 November 2024

#### 2024/EB.2/10 WFP revised corporate results framework (2022–2025)

The Board approved the WFP revised corporate results framework (2022–2025) (WFP/EB.2/2024/4-D)

20 November 2024

#### **Evaluation reports**

### 2024/EB.2/11 Summary evaluation report on the mid-term evaluation of the WFP strategic plan (2022–2025) and management response

The Board took note of the summary evaluation report on the mid-term evaluation of the WFP strategic plan (2022–2025) (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-A) and management response (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-A/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

20 November 2024

### 2024/EB.2/12 Synthesis of evidence and lessons on WFP's cooperating partners from centralized and decentralized evaluations and management response

The Board took note of the synthesis of evidence and lessons on WFP's cooperating partners from centralized and decentralized evaluations, set out in document WFP/EB.2/2024/6-B and the management response set out in document WFP/EB.2/2024/6-B/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations presented in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

#### Latin America and the Caribbean portfolio

## 2024/EB.2/13 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Cuba (2021–2024) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Cuba (2021–2024) (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/2) and the management response (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/2/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

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## 2024/EB.2/14 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Colombia (2021–2024) and management response

#### Country strategic plan – Colombia (2025–2028)

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Colombia (2021–2024) (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/1) and management response (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/1/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board approved the Colombia country strategic plan (2025–2028) (WFP/EB.2/2024/7-A/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 592,616,675.

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#### **Evaluation reports(continued)**

# 2024/EB.2/15 Summary report on the evaluation of WFP's emergency response to the prolonged crisis in the Sahel and other countries of Central Africa (2018–2023) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of WFP's emergency response to the prolonged crisis in the Sahel and other countries of Central Africa from 2018 to 2023, set out in document WFP/EB.2/2024/6-D and the management response set out in document WFP/EB.2/2024/6-D/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations presented in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

21 November 2024

#### Western Africa portfolio

## 2024/EB.2/16 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Mali (2020–2024) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Mali (2020–2024) (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/3) and the management response (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/3/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

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#### 2024/EB.2/17 Country strategic plan – Senegal (2025–2029)

The Board approved the Senegal country strategic plan (2025–2029) (WFP/EB.2/2024/7-A/3) at a total cost to WFP of USD 149,967,522.

21 November 2024

#### Middle East, Northern Africa and Eastern Europe portfolio

### 2024/EB.2/18 Summary report on the evaluation of the interim country strategic plans for the Syrian Arab Republic (2018–2025) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the interim country strategic plan for the Syrian Arab Republic (2018–2025) (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/5) and the management response (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/5/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

21 November 2024

#### Eastern Africa portfolio

### 2024/EB.2/19 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Rwanda (2019-2023) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Rwanda (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/4) and the management response (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/4/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

21 November 2024

#### Southern Africa portfolio

#### 2024/EB.2/20 Country strategic plan – Namibia (2025–2029)

The Board approved the Namibia country strategic plan (2025–2029) (WFP/EB.2/2024/7-A/2) at a total cost to WFP of USD 17,077,124.

21 November 2024

#### Administrative and managerial matters

#### 2024/EB.2/21 Appointment of one member to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

The Board approved the appointment of the following candidate as member of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee:

Ms Laura Born (United States of America).

Her three-year term will begin on 1 March 2025 and expire on 29 February 2028.

21 November 2024

#### 2024/EB.2/22 Summary of the work of the 2024 annual session of the Executive Board

The Board approved the draft summary of the work of its 2024 annual session, the final version of which would be embodied in document WFP/EB.A/2024/14.

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### ANNEX I

#### Agenda

- **1.** Adoption of the agenda (for approval)
- 2. Appointment of the Rapporteur
- 3. Opening remarks by the Executive Director, including an overview of current and future opportunities and challenges for WFP

#### 4. Policy issues

- a) Resilience policy update (*for approval*)
- b) School meals policy update (*for approval*)
- c) Climate change policy update (for approval)
- d) WFP revised corporate results framework (2022–2025) (for approval)
- e) Update on the implementation of WFP's cash policy (for information)<sup>1</sup>
- f) Compendium of policies relating to the strategic plan (for information)
- g) Update on collaboration among the Rome-based agencies (*for information*)

#### 5. Resource, financial and budgetary matters

- a) WFP management plan (2025–2027) (for approval)
- b) Report of the External Auditor on findings from field audits and WFP management response *(for consideration)*

#### 6. **Evaluation reports** (for consideration)

- a) Summary evaluation report on the mid-term evaluation of the WFP strategic plan (2022–2025) and management response
- b) Synthesis of evidence and lessons on WFP's cooperating partners and management response
- c) Summary evaluation reports on country strategic plans and management responses:
  - 1. Colombia (2021–2024)
  - 2. Cuba (2021–2024)
  - 3. Mali (2020–2024)
  - 4. Rwanda (2019-2023)
  - 5. Syrian Arab Republic (2018–2025)
- d) Summary report on the evaluation of WFP's emergency response to the prolonged crisis in the Sahel and other countries of Central Africa (2018–2023) and management response

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Items marked with an asterisk are to be presented for information only but will nevertheless be discussed during the session.

#### 7. Operational matters

- a) Country strategic plans (for approval)
  - 1. Colombia (2025-2028)
  - 2. Namibia (2025–2029)
  - 3. Senegal (2025–2029)
  - 4. Ukraine (2025–2027)
- b) Oral global overview of humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities *(for information)* \*
- c) Oral update on the global assurance project (for information) \*
- d) Revisions of country strategic plans, interim country strategic plans and transitional interim country strategic plans, and corresponding budget increases, approved under delegations of authority (1 January 2024–30 June 2024) *(for information)*

#### 8. Organizational and procedural matters

a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2025–2026) (for approval)

#### 9. Administrative and managerial matters

- a) Appointment of one member to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (*for approval*)
- 10. Summary of the work of the 2024 annual session of the Executive Board (for approval)

#### 11. Other business

- a) Second interim report of the Executive Board working group on the governance review (*for approval*)
- b) Report of the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (*for information*)

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6 c)	Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Colombia (2021–2024)	WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/1		

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