

Item 7a3 - List E by Poland

WFP Executive Board

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Statement prepared by Poland on behalf of List E countries

Item 7 a)3) ETHIOPIA country strategic plan (2025–2030)

Thank you Ms. President for giving me the floor.

Poland on behalf of List E, would like to thank WFP for the detailed design of the country strategic plan for Ethiopia for the period 2025–2030, which is aligned with Ethiopia's Vision 2030, ten-year development plan for 2021–2030 and home-grown economic reform agenda.

We are concerned about the position of women in Ethiopia. Sociocultural beliefs and traditions influence the roles of women, men, girls and boys often lead to discriminatory behaviour, resulting in increased rates of violence and economic disparity, particularly for women and girls. That is why we strongly encourage WFP to continue supporting actions aimed the gender equality. List E supports the proposed actions to implement gender transformative approaches, designed to reduce gender gap in digital and financial inclusion, knowledge and skills interventions that would improve women's economic opportunities and well-being.

We are glad WFP supports Ethiopia's ambition of achieving universal coverage of school meal programmes by 2030. We especially encourage WFP to expand the direct provision of school meals to children in the Somali region, where education outcomes and girls' attendance are among the lowest nationally.

We appreciate also WFP ideas of engaging school-based clubs and other platforms in activities and life skills that enable women and girls to assume new roles and responsibilities, while working with men and boys to foster an understanding of the benefits derived from such changes.

We are concerned that 95 percent of persons with disabilities are living below the poverty line. In order to remove severe barriers to education, employment and humanitarian support it's extremely important to send children with disabilities to school. We believe that cooperation UNICEF and other United Nations entities and government bodies, allow to improve the accessibility of schools and provide devices that assist students with disabilities.

As 80 percent of Ethiopia's population is dependent on pastoralism for their livelihoods we are glad that WFP will assist food-insecure households by providing training and support for regenerative agropastoral practices.

All of WFP's work would not be possible without its staff. The safety of WFP's staff must remain our top priority. We are glad WFP will maintain strong risk management frameworks and contingency planning for mitigating risks to employees' safety and security. We also encourage WFP to focus on the care and well-being of its personnel, promoting a healthy working environment that is free from harassment or discrimination.

Ms. President, List E expresses its support for the document. Thank you.