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Rome, 10–13 November 2014

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1

For approval



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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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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 Provisional Annotated Agenda of the Second Regular Session in 2014. 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

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

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

Under this item, the Executive Director will provide an oral presentation on strategic issues facing WFP.

4. Policy Issues

a) Update on the WFP Gender Policy

At its First Regular Session in 2013, the Board requested that an update to the gender policy be submitted **for consideration** to the Second Regular Session in 2014. The current WFP gender policy, approved in 2009, is not time-bound; it was rendered operational by the 2009–2011 WFP Gender Action Plan, which was extended until 2013. A summary report of an evaluation of the gender policy was submitted to the 2014 First Regular Session. On the basis of the evaluation recommendations, the management response thereto and the advice of the Board, the Secretariat will present a revised gender policy that also incorporates the lessons learned from the roll-out of the United Nations System-Wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN SWAP).

b) <u>WFP People Strategy</u>

In the framework of implementation of WFP's Strategic Plan (2014–2017), the WFP People Strategy sets out measures to be taken to ensure that WFP's approach to its people management – and its staffing profile and levels – are aligned with the capacity requirements foreseen in the Plan. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

c) <u>Update on Collaboration among the Rome-Based Agencies</u>^{*}

At the Second Regular Session in November 2010, Board members asked WFP to report annually on Rome-based agency collaboration as a follow-up to "Directions for Collaboration among the Rome-Based Agencies" (WFP/EB.2/2009/11-C). This report overviews collaboration as outlined in that document, covering new and existing collaboration and partnerships. This item is presented to the Board **for information**.

^{*} In accordance with the Board's decisions on governance approved at the Annual Session and Third Regular Session of 2000, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it well in advance of the meeting and the Chair accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time.



d) <u>Update on Implementation of WFP's Peacebuilding Policy</u>

At its Second Regular Session in 2013, the Board approved "WFP's Role in Peacebuilding in Transition Settings", which established the parameters for WFP's engagement in peacebuilding. This document provides an update on implementation of the policy.

e) <u>Compendium of WFP Policies Relating to the Strategic Plan*</u>

At its Annual Session in 2000, the Board approved the recommendations contained in the Report of the Working Group on Governance (decision 2000/EB.A/6). Governance recommendation (d) established that WFP policy statements should be codified in a compendium, which is presented annually **for information** at the Second Regular Session. , At the Board's 2010 request, the compendium has been reorganized and redrafted to focus on policies relating to the goals in the Strategic Plan.

5. Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters

a) <u>WFP Management Plan (2015–2017)</u>

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the Management Plan for the period 2015–2017, including WFP's budget for 2015.

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

b) Increased Fee for the External Auditor

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, a request from the External Auditor for an increase in audit fee owing to increased staff, daily subsistence allowance and travel costs.

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

c) <u>Process for the Selection and Appointment of the WFP External Auditor for the term</u> <u>from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2022</u>

The mandate of the WFP External Auditor comes to an end in June 2016 and is non-renewable, as per Financial Regulation 14.2. The competitive selection process for appointing a new External Auditor will be initiated in late 2014. The document, presented **for approval**, will outline the process to be followed.

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

d) Method for Determining the Indirect Support Cost Rate for WFP

This paper will provide an update of the discussions on the method for determining the indirect support cost rate initially presented at EB.1/2014 and further reviewed at informal consultations. This item is 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.



e) <u>Work Plan of the External Auditor for the Period July 2014 to June 2015*</u>

This document presents the work plan of the External Auditor, detailing the audit activities for the period 2014 to 2015. 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 work plan covers financial, performance and compliance audits as well as quality reviews and individual audit assessments; it is submitted 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.

6. Evaluation Reports

a) <u>Summary Report of the FAO/WFP Joint Evaluation of Food Security Cluster</u> <u>Coordination in Humanitarian Action (2009–2014) and Management Response</u>

One of three strategic evaluations on different dimensions of the theme of emergency preparedness and response, this evaluation, conducted jointly with the FAO Evaluation Office, will assess the value-added and effectiveness of the cluster, which was established in 2011 and is jointly led. Within the strategic theme, it concerns the element of international response architecture and offers a good opportunity for learning across two of the Rome-based agencies. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

b) <u>Summary Evaluation Report – Uganda Country Portfolio (2009–2013) and</u> <u>Management Response</u>

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of the portfolio from 2007 to 2011 assessing: i) how well WFP is aligned with context, people's needs, government policies and partner strategies; ii) the drivers and quality of strategic choices; and iii) portfolio performance and results. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform country office future strategic direction, planning and implications for programme implementation. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

c) <u>Summary Evaluation Report – The Democratic Republic of the</u> <u>Congo Country Portfolio (2009–2013) and Management Response</u>

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of the portfolio over a five-year period assessing: i) how well WFP is aligned with context, people's needs, government policies and partner strategies; ii) the drivers and quality of strategic choices; and iii) portfolio performance and results. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform country office future strategic direction, planning and implications for programme implementation. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

d) <u>Response to the Recommendations of the Summary Report of the Peer Review of the</u> <u>Evaluation Function at the World Food Programme</u>

This document includes the responses to the recommendations of the UNEG–DAC peer review of WFP's evaluation function presented at the 2014 Annual Session. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

e) Synthesis Report of Operation Evaluations (July 2013–July 2014)

The synthesis report summarizes the findings and recommendations emerging from the single-operation evaluations conducted over the preceding year to identify opportunities for systemic improvement. Single-operation evaluations focus on the effectiveness and efficiency of a single operation in achieving its objectives, compliance with international and WFP policy norms and standards, and the adequacy of the operation's





design, implementation and results. This item is presented to the Board for consideration.

Operational Matters

7. Country Programmes

The Board will have before it, for approval, the following country programmes:

- ➤ Cuba 200703 (2015–2018)
- ➢ Guatemala 200641 (2015−2019)
- ➤ The Congo 200648 (2015–2018)

8. **Projects for Executive Board Approval**

a) <u>Budget increases to development activities</u>

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following budget increase to development activities exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- ▶ Uganda Country Programme 108070
- b) Protracted relief and recovery operations

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following protracted relief and recovery operations (PRROs) exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- ➤ Chad 200713
- Ethiopia (refugees) 200700
- ➢ Malawi 200692
- Mali 200719
- State of Palestine 200709
- Senegal 200681
- 9. Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters*
 - a) <u>Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations approved by the Executive Director</u> (1 January-30 June 2014)

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a summary of the PRROs approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority:

- ➢ Bangladesh 200673
- ➢ Ghana 200675
- ➢ Guinea 200687
- b) <u>Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the</u> <u>Executive Director (1 January–30 June 2014)</u>

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing budget increases to PRROs approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority.



c) <u>Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by</u> <u>the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 January–30 June 2014)</u>

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing emergency operations approved by the Executive Director, or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO, under the authority delegated in subparagraph (b) of the Appendix to the General Rules.

10. Organizational and Procedural Matters

Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2015–2016)

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure, the Board will have before it, **for approval**, its Biennial Programme of Work (2015–2016).

11. Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2014

In accordance with the Board's decision at its Second Regular Session in 1996 on its methods of work, the Summary of Work of the Annual Session of 2014 is submitted **for approval**.

12. Other Business

Report on the Field Visit to the Lao People's Democratic Republic of the WFP Executive Board*

A report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, which took place from 7 to 17 September 2014, is presented to the Board **for information**.

13. Verification of Approved 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.

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