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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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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 2010. 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) WFP HIV and AIDS Policy

The Summary Report of the Thematic Evaluation of WFP's HIV and AIDS Interventions in Sub-Saharan Africa, which was submitted to the Board at its Second Regular Session in 2008, recommended that WFP's HIV/AIDS policy be revised to reflect the realities, experience and knowledge base that had evolved since 2003. A policy document is therefore submitted to the Board that: i) reflects new programming and funding realities; ii) sets out WFP policy on HIV programming and a framework of objectives; and iii) offers a practical interpretation of WFP's mandate in HIV programming in view of operational realities and current financing for AIDS programmes. This document is submitted **for approval**.

b) Policy for Disclosure of Internal Audit Reports to Member States

The policy on disclosure of internal audit reports to Member States aims to promote and enhance the transparency and accountability of WFP's operations and decision-making processes. It outlines the procedures under which final internal audit reports may be made available to Member States. This paper, which has been reviewed by the WFP Audit Committee, is submitted to the Board **for approval**.

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

c) WFP Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Policy

This document sets out WFP's policy and procedures relating to fraud, corruption and/or collusion. The policy presents i) the measures to be taken to prevent any fraudulent, corrupt and/or collusive practices; ii) the roles and responsibilities of WFP staff members and non-staff employees; iii) the training and disclosure programme; iv) the reporting procedures; v) the investigation procedures; and vi) actions following breaches of the fraud and corruption policy. The policies and procedures outlined in the document are based on and reflect the principles set out in various documents, amongst which the Staff Regulations and Rules, Financial Regulations and Rules, and the Standards of Conduct for the International Civil Service. It also reflects the principles underlying the United Nations Convention against Corruption. This policy,



which has been reviewed by the Audit Committee, is submitted 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.

d) Action Plan for the Implementation of the Capacity Development and Hand-Over Components of the Strategic Plan 2008–2013*

At its Second Regular Session in 2009, the Board requested the Secretariat to provide an implementation plan for capacity development and hand-over activities. This document provides a road map for the transformation into action of the policy on capacity development, and hand-over components of the Strategic Plan. It describes the purpose and scope of the action plan, gives the priority activities in capacity development and hand-over, explains the roles of country offices, regional bureaux and Headquarters, and provides the financial and human resources requirements. This paper is submitted **for information**.

e) <u>Update of Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies*</u>

At its Annual Session in 2000, the Executive Board approved the recommendations contained in the Report on the Working Group on Governance (decision 2000/EB.A/6). Governance recommendation (d) established that WFP policy statements should be codified in a compendium. The "Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies" was first submitted to the Board at its Annual Session in 2002. This updated version, which is submitted **for information**, includes policies considered by the Board in 2009–2010.

5. Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters

a) Financial Framework Review

Following the Board's review of the document 'Financial Framework Review Options' (WFP/EB.A/2010/6-E/1), at the Annual Session of the Executive Board, this paper proposes changes to the General Rules needed to implement the recommendations to change WFP's tonnage based model. The document reviews the changes to WFP's costing model and proposes the amendments to the General Rules. This paper is submitted 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.

b) Review of the Working Capital Financing Facility

The purpose of this document is to seek the Board's approval for raising the ceiling of the Working Capital Financing facility and increasing the leverage of WFP's associated reserves. The paper outlines the history and evolution of WFP advance financing facilities including the Direct Support Cost Advance Facility, the Working Capital Financing (WCF) Facility and the Forward Purchase Facility. It discusses the benefits of advance financing and forward purchase as well as the risks involved in advance financing. The paper is submitted 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) Third Update on the WFP Management Plan (2010–2011)*

This third update on the Management Plan (2010-2011) presents the revised Programme of Work for 2010-2011. An operational overview gives details of increases in beneficiary needs as well as highlights of major operations. It also includes funding projections. The document also includes a status update on Programme Support and Administrative (PSA) and extra—budgetary resources. This document 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.

d) Second Update on WFP Management Actions in Somalia*

This second update on management actions in Somalia responds to the request made by the Board at its Annual Session in 2010, where the Secretariat was requested to provide a timeline for dealing with the issues raised by the Monitoring Group on Somalia and the Inspector General, and the steps taken to prepare the new External Auditor for carrying out its review of food distribution procedures in Somalia. This update is submitted **for information**.

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

e) Review of WFP Operations in Somalia – Additional Fees for the External Auditor*

At the request of the Executive Board Bureau, the WFP External Auditor forwarded on 16 September 2010 a letter to the President of the Board providing the estimated additional fees for its planned audit of Somalia operations. Bureau members requested that such fees be submitted to the Board for approval through a vote by correspondence. On 23 September, a communication was sent to Board members in this regard. Some Board members requested clarification on i) the objectives of the review; ii) the anticipated outputs; and iii) the breakdown of costs. This information was sent to them on 29 September (see Annex).

The additional fees were approved on 8 October 2010. A document compiling the request and information sent to the Board is submitted **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

The evaluation documents submitted under this item are presented to the Board **for consideration**. The summaries of actions taken by management to implement the recommendations contained in the summary evaluation reports are presented as addenda to these reports.

a) <u>Summary Evaluation Report Chad Country Portfolio (2003–2009) and Management Response</u>

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of the portfolio over the period 2003–2009 looking at: i) how well WFP is aligned with government policies and partner strategies and whether the Programme positioned itself strategically within that context; ii) how WFP made strategic choices in the past; and iii) what the outcomes and impacts of the operations were. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office's choices about future strategic directions, strategic planning and programme implementation.



b) Summary Evaluation Report Nepal Country Portfolio and Management Response

The Nepal Country Portfolio Evaluation evaluates 15 WFP operations implemented between 2002 and 2009 including the ongoing Country Programme, seven Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations, five Emergency Operations, and two special operations. It serves the dual objectives of accountability and learning, and will enable the country office to make informed strategic decisions for its next Country Strategy. The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of the portfolio looking at: i) how well WFP is aligned with government policies and partner strategies and whether the Programme positioned itself strategically within that context; ii) how WFP made strategic choices in the past; and iii) what the outcomes and impacts of the operations were.

c) <u>Summary Evaluation Report Colombia Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation</u> 105880 and Management Response

Colombia has suffered more than four decades of violence resulting in the displacement of millions of people; estimates range between 1.8 million and 3.7 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) over the past 20 years. This operation aims to: i) protect and help restore the livelihoods of IDPs and other violence-affected populations; ii) support the improvement of the nutritional status of targeted populations, especially pregnant and lactating women and children under 5; and iii) support access to education for displaced and at-risk populations. The evaluation measures the degree of success of the operation half way through its implementation and makes recommendations for adjustments.

d) <u>Summary Evaluation Report the Sudan Emergency Operation 107600 and Management Response</u>

This report summarizes an evaluation of WFP's general food distributions in Darfur in 2009, which took place in March 2010. WFP has been assisting the conflict-affected population in Darfur since 2003, and its programme is now mature. The main role of food aid is to meet the emergency needs of the IDPs and host communities in Darfur. Emergency operation 107600 is the largest in that region, giving WFP a central role among its partners. The evaluation assesses the degree of WFP's success in providing assistance to the most vulnerable, food-insecure populations in Darfur, in terms of relevance, appropriateness and efficiency.

e) <u>Summary Report of the Mid-Term Evaluation of the Ethiopia Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation 106650 (2008–2010) and Management Response</u>

This report evaluates at mid-term WFP's ongoing protracted relief and recovery operation (PRRO) in terms of relevance, results and factors explaining the performance. The current PRRO 106650 is a three-year programme running from 2008 to 2010, designed to address the food needs of up to 3.8 million beneficiaries a year but due to drought and the international food and oil price crises in 2008, a prolonged emergency significantly increased numbers of relief beneficiaries. The evaluation found that the relief component responded to the series of national economic and climate shocks and improved access to food for populations affected by insecurity and drought. The Productive Safety Net Programme (PSNP) addressed the increased demand for food transfers resulting from a sharp increase in the price of food and had a positive impact on food security. The Targeted Supplementary Feeding (TSF) component provided support to those most at risk from malnutrition. The Urban HIV/AIDS component demonstrated significant beneficial outcomes for people living



with HIV/AIDS on anti-retroviral therapy and for orphans and vulnerable children. Appropriate recommendations are made.

f) <u>Summary Evaluation Report Occupied Palestinian Territory Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation 103871 and Management Response</u>

Poverty and food insecurity resulting from protracted conflict and the closure policy in the Occupied Palestinian Territory undermine economic development, affecting a large segment of the population. WFP's operation aims to meet the food needs of the most vulnerable non-refugee people through protracted and emergency relief to contribute to the poverty reduction strategy of the Palestinian Authority by supporting the development of productive activities and skills. It focuses on: i) enhancing the knowledge base; ii) strengthening partnerships and advocacy efforts on food insecurity to improve targeting and coordination; and iii) ensuring effective use of resources while minimizing negative effects on production and markets. This mid-term evaluation provides an update on the operation's achievements and inputs to guide the design of the PRRO starting in 2011.

Operational Matters

7. Draft Country Programmes

The following draft country programmes are submitted to the Board **for consideration**:

- Burkina Faso 200163 (2011–2015)
- Zambia 200157 (2011–2015)

8. Country Programmes

The following country programme, whose draft was considered by the Board at its Annual Session, is now submitted to the Board for approval on a no-objection basis:

Burundi 200119 (2011–2014)

9. Projects for Executive Board approval

a) <u>Development projects</u>

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

- ➤ Lesotho 200169
- ➤ Tajikistan 200173

b) Budget Increases to Development Activities

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

- ➤ Bangladesh 104100 (2007–2010)
- > Chad 104780 (2007–2010)
- ➤ Lao People's Democratic Republic 100781
- Mauritania 102090 (2003–2010)
- Mozambique 104460 (2007–2010)
- Nepal 100930 (2002–2010)



c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following PRROs exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- ➤ Democratic Republic of the Congo 200167
- ➤ Nepal 200152
- Occupied Palestinian Territory 200037
- ➤ Pakistan 200145
- Sri Lanka 200143
- > Yemen 200038
- ➤ Zimbabwe 200162

d) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

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

➤ Ethiopia 106650

10. Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 January-30 June 2010)

a) Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director*

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

- > Iraq 200104
- b) Budget Increases to Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director*

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

c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a summary of the following Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority:

- ➤ Algeria 200034
- ➤ Yemen 200044
- ➤ Ghana 200046
- ➤ Central African Republic 200050
- ➤ Burkina Faso 200054
- > Zambia 200070
- ➤ Malawi 200087
- ➤ Philippines 200131



d) <u>Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director*</u>

The 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.

e) <u>Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO*</u>

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document summarizing EMOPs 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.

11. Organizational and Procedural Matters

➤ Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2011–2012)

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure, the Board will have before it, **for approval**, its Biennial Programme of Work for 2011–2012.

12. Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2010

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 2010 is submitted **for approval.**

13. Other Business

14. 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.

^{*} In accordance with the Executive Board's decisions on governance, approved at the Annual and Third Regular Sessions, 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.



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