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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 First 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. *Election of the Bureau and Appointment of the Rapporteur*

In accordance with Rule IV of its Rules of Procedure, the Executive Board shall elect among the representatives of its members a President, a Vice President and three other members (collectively designated as the Bureau), as well as an alternate. They shall hold office until their successors are elected. Each member and alternate of the Bureau shall be chosen from one of the Lists of States as defined in Appendix A to the General Regulations of WFP.

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

3. *Current and Future Strategic Issues*

Under this item, the Executive Director will make an oral presentation to the Board on strategic issues facing WFP, **for consideration**.

4. *Annual Reports*

➤ Annual Report for 2009 to ECOSOC and FAO Council

The Annual Report to ECOSOC and FAO Council is presented at the First Regular Session every year in accordance with the Board's 2004 decision on streamlining corporate reporting to the Board and WFP parent bodies (2004/EB.A/11). The report provides a comprehensive picture of WFP's engagement in United Nations system-wide activities, organized according to the common format for United Nations funds and programme reports to ECOSOC and taking into account the comments expressed by the WFP Board on the desired content of the report. This report is presented to the Board **for approval**.

5. *Policy Issues*

a) WFP Policy on Information Disclosure - *withdrawn*

b) Resourcing for a Changing Environment

This document, which is submitted **for consideration**, outlines WFP's resourcing strategy from 2009 to 2011 in a climate of declining food supplies, high food prices and new mechanisms for delivering and financing international aid. The strategy is closely aligned with the Strategic Plan (2008–2011), and identifies approaches for effectively and efficiently meeting WFP's funding needs. It takes stock of the progress made in the intervening years, identifies lessons learned and new opportunities, and uses these to strengthen the alignment and focus of corporate resourcing activities.



c) WFP's Role in the Humanitarian Assistance System

At its First Regular Session in 2009, the Board asked that a document reviewing the role of WFP in the humanitarian assistance system be submitted for consideration to its First Regular Session in 2010. As requested, the document will focus on WFP's role in the cluster system, on the role of Humanitarian Coordinators, WFP's use of common funding structures and its participation in the Global Humanitarian Platform. The document is submitted **for consideration**.

d) Steps Forward: Implementation of WFP Strategic Results Framework (2008–2013)*

The Strategic Results Framework is a core component of WFP's performance management and accountability frameworks. It is also the basis for WFP's performance measurement system, which enables WFP to translate its mandate and strategy into tangible outcomes. The framework helps WFP to demonstrate its contributions to achieving the goals and objectives of the WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2013) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). At the First Regular Session of 2009, the Board took note of the Strategic Results Framework (SRF) and accepted it as a basis for reporting to its First Regular Session in 2010. This document, which is submitted **for information**, has been prepared to share with Board members WFP experience to date in using the framework. It outlines challenges faced, along with suggestions for how to address them.

e) WFP Nutrition Improvement Approach - *withdrawn*

6. ***Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters***

a) Selection and Appointment of the WFP External Auditor*

This paper will present to the Board, **for information**, the recommendation of the Evaluation Panel for the appointment of the External Auditor of WFP for 2010–2016.

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

b) Revised Fee for the External Auditor for the Biennium 2008–2009

The Secretariat received notice from the External Auditor of a proposed fee for additional services rendered in the biennium 2008–2009. This issue was discussed by the Executive Board Bureau at its meeting on 18 September 2009. The matter is now 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) Financial Framework Review

Within the context of the Financial Framework Review, the Executive Director is proposing to address issues related to programme categories through several complementary steps. This paper will outline these steps and highlight the progress to date, including the work of the fast-track working group that was created by the Executive Director and the Bureau to review existing definitions of terms such as relief, recovery and early recovery, and update them if necessary, arriving at a consensus regarding joint definitions and key concepts that inform programme guidance. The fast-track working group is composed of members of the Board and of the Secretariat. This paper is submitted to the Board **for consideration**.



d) Report of the External Auditor on the Strategic Planning and Reporting at a WFP Country Office — Uganda, and WFP Management Response

A major country-based project was selected for which the External Auditor would provide an independent assessment of how the Secretariat had planned for and succeeded in meeting project objectives; compliance with policy and procedures; and the identification of any constraints on the effectiveness and efficiency of project activities. Risks, weaknesses and adherence to good practice were assessed, from which organization-wide lessons have been drawn. As requested by the Board at its Annual Session in 2008, the response by the Secretariat to the recommendations contained in the report is also presented; both documents are submitted **for consideration**.

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

e) Report of the External Auditor on the IPSAS Dividend: Strengthening Financial Management, and WFP Management Response

The implementation of financial statements in compliance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) offers a significant opportunity for improved accountability and better management and decision-making. The External Auditor presents an assessment of how the improved accounting and reporting of financial information under IPSAS can be used for better financial decision-making and to improve WFP's business management. As requested by the Board at its Annual Session in 2008, the response by the Secretariat to the recommendations contained in the report is also presented; both documents are submitted **for consideration**.

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

f) Update on the WFP Biennial Management Plan (2010–2011)*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a report on the implementation of the Management Plan.

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

g) Final Update on the WINGS II Project*

This paper, submitted to the Board **for information**, is a report on the WFP Information Network and Global System II (WINGS II) project, outlining the project's current activities and funding.

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

7. *Evaluation Reports*

The evaluation documents submitted under this item are presented to the Board **for consideration**. The Board is requested to take note of the reports and of the accompanying matrix summarizing the action taken so far by management in implementing the recommendations.



a) Summary Evaluation Report Afghanistan PRRO 104270 and Management Response

This operation aims to enhance food security and improve human and productive capital in food-insecure and remote areas, with emphasis on vulnerable women and children. It supports 6.6 million Afghans in food-insecure areas through food for work, food for training and food for education in partnership with the Government, non-government partners and communities. The evaluation reviews the extent to which objectives were achieved and provides recommendations for future interventions in Afghanistan.

b) Summary Report of the Joint Thematic Evaluation of FAO and WFP Support to Information Systems for Food Security and Management Response

This evaluation is conducted jointly by FAO and WFP, at the suggestion of the FAO Programme Committee. Information on food security is essential for making the right choices about providing assistance, especially in a changing global environment that affects the availability of food and cost of assistance. FAO and WFP have devoted considerable resources to information systems both jointly and separately and have undertaken several related evaluations. But this is the first evaluation of information systems for food security as a whole in terms of their responsiveness to users' information needs and their eventual use in decision-making. The evaluation is important to the cooperation arrangements of FAO and WFP, joint work and future strategies supporting information systems for food security.

c) Summary Report of the Mid-Term Evaluation of the Country Programme Ethiopia 104300 (2007–2011) and Management Response

The Country Programme (CP) contributes to achieving the MDGs of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger; achieving universal primary education; promoting gender equality and empowering women; combating HIV and AIDS, malaria and other diseases; and ensuring environmental sustainability. The evaluation reviewed the ongoing CP in terms of relevance, results and factors explaining the performance. A set of recommendations informs decision-making for the remaining CP period and future programme design.

d) Summary Evaluation Report Guatemala PRRO 104570 and Management Response

In Guatemala, 12 percent of infants are born underweight and 50 percent of children are chronically malnourished by the age of 3. The objectives of the WFP operation are to contribute to saving lives through supplementary and therapeutic feeding, and to fight chronic malnutrition by addressing several of the underlying causes in the target areas, including: i) limited access to food of adequate quantity and quality; ii) inadequate weaning, care and health practices; and iii) women's limited control over community resources. The evaluation reviews the relevance and results of the operation to address chronic undernutrition in Guatemala, in a region where nutrition is a strategic issue.

Operational Matters

8. *Country Programmes*

The following draft CP was reviewed by the Board in October 2009. As per the harmonized procedure for CP approval (WFP/EB.3/2002/4-B), the final CP was posted on the WFP website in December 2009 and is submitted to the Board for **approval on a no-objection basis**.

- Guatemala 200031 (2010–2014)



9. ***Projects for Executive Board approval***

Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

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

- Afghanistan 200063
- Iraq 200035

10. ***Budget Increases to PRROs Approved by Correspondence****

Budget Increases to PRROs Approved by the Executive Board by Correspondence between the Second Regular Session 2009 and the First Regular Session 2010

The Board will have before it **for information** the following PRRO budget increase approved by correspondence:

- Ethiopia 106650

11. ***Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (1 July–31 December 2009)***

- Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO*

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 the Appendix to the General Rules.

12. ***Organizational and Procedural Matters***

- Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2010–2011)*

Further to a request by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2004, an updated version of the Biennial Programme of Work (2010–2011) is presented **for information**.

13. ***Administrative and Managerial Matters***

- Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit Relevant to the Work of WFP

The Board, by its decision 2002/EB.2/17, recommended that the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) reports submitted annually by the Secretariat to the Board should comprise the following items.

- i) WFP comments on the JIU reports relevant to the work of WFP received between the submission of the last Board document and 1 October 2009;
- ii) a list of JIU reports issued since the last reporting period; and
- iii) the status of WFP's implementation of previously approved or accepted recommendations.

In accordance with the practice of the Boards of other Funds and Programmes, the Secretariat presents to the Board each year at the First Regular Session a summary report containing the items listed above **for consideration**.



14. *Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2009*

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 Second Regular Session of 2009 is submitted **for endorsement**.

15. *Other Business*

- Report on the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP*

A report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP, which is to take place on 15 and 17 January 2010, will be presented orally to the Board **for information**.

16. *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.