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EXTENSION OF THE WFP STRATEGIC PLAN: AMENDMENT TO GENERAL RULE VI.1

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This document is submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

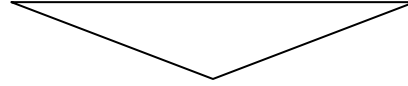
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DRAFT DECISION*



The Board approves the amendment of General Rule VI.I as follows:

“General Rule VI.1: Strategic Plan

The Executive Director shall submit every four years to the Annual Session of the Board a Strategic Plan that will cover the following four years, with a mid-term review as necessary. The Strategic Plan will highlight WFP strategic objectives and their implications for the proposed programme of work.”

* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the Decisions and Recommendations document issued at the end of the session.



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1. Further to General Assembly resolution 63/232 of 19 December 2008 changing the comprehensive policy review of operational activities from a triennial to a quadrennial cycle, and urging the funds and programmes to align their strategic planning cycles with the quadrennial comprehensive policy review, the Executive Board approved, at its Annual Session in 2009, the extension of the current WFP Strategic Plan by two years, until the end of 2013. WFP would prepare the next strategic plan in 2013 for approval by the Board at its Annual Session in 2013; it would cover the period 2014–2017.
 2. Further to Board decision 2009/EB.A/3, para. (iii), an amendment of WFP's General Rule VI.1 "Strategic Plan" is required.
 3. Moreover, the second sentence in General Rule VI.1 needs to be updated to reflect the current content of WFP Strategic Plans.
 4. The current text reads as follows:

"General Rule VI.1: Strategic Plan

The Executive Director shall submit to the Annual Session of the Board, in the second year of each Biennium, a Strategic Plan that will cover two successive Biennia. The Strategic Plan shall be prepared every two years on a rolling basis and will highlight the main features of the proposed programme of work for the first Biennium."

5. The following amended text is submitted to the Board for its approval:

"General Rule VI.1: Strategic Plan

The Executive Director shall submit every four years to the Annual Session of the Board a Strategic Plan that will cover the following four years, with a mid-term review as necessary. The Strategic Plan will highlight WFP strategic objectives and their implications for the proposed programme of work."