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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 2009. 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 also appoint a Rapporteur from among the representatives.

3. *Current and Future Strategic Issues*

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

4. *Annual Reports*

➤ Annual Report for 2008 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 Gender Policy and Strategy — Promoting Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women in Addressing Food and Nutrition Challenges

This document builds on the strengths of the former gender policy and sets out a framework for mainstreaming gender more fully in WFP's policies and programmes. It identifies priorities and actions that build on WFP's comparative advantages, incorporates the findings of a recent evaluation of its gender policy and indicates ways in which WFP can work more constructively to protect women, especially in camps. This paper is submitted **for approval**.



b) WFP Policy on Disaster Risk Reduction

The WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011) recognized the need for WFP to further engage in disaster risk reduction by making it a Strategic Objective. This document proposes that WFP integrate the goal of disaster reduction in its programmes and provides a policy framework for such activities. It is submitted **for consideration**.

c) Strategic Results Framework

The Strategic Results Framework is a core component of WFP's strategic, 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 matrix helps to demonstrate WFP's contributions to achieving its Strategic Objectives and the Millennium Development Goals. The Strategic Results Matrix links the five Strategic Objectives with outcomes and outputs and provides the basis for measuring and reporting results at the country and corporate levels. As agreed at the Annual Session of 2008 when the Strategic Plan 2008–2011 was approved, this paper is submitted **for endorsement** to the Board, and has been developed in consultation with the membership.

6. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*

a) Fourth Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)

This update of the Management Plan (2008–2009), **for consideration**, provides an overview of changes in the Programme of Work since the approval of the Plan, and outlines a total Programme of Work of US\$10.9 billion for the biennium. It also includes an overview of the status of the Programme Support and Administrative Equalization Account, along with the latest forecast for the unearmarked portion of the General Fund. As requested by the Board, the additional information on the third update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009), **for information**, is also presented.

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

b) WFP Audit Committee Terms of Reference

In early 2008, the Bureau asked the External Auditor to prepare a report on the role, mandate and composition of WFP's Audit Committee, addressing issues such as reporting to the Board and the need for an independent membership, based on best practice advice. This document, prepared by the External Auditor, is submitted to the Board **for approval**.

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

c) Appointment of the External Auditor

At its Second Regular Session in 2005, the Board invited the Bureau to prepare for a decision by the Board on changes to the Basic Texts, with a view to clarifying the procedures for appointment of the External Auditor. The proposed changes, taking into account the latest developments at the United Nations in the field of governance and oversight, are submitted by the Bureau to the Board **for approval**.

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



d) Review of WINGS II and Preparedness for IPSAS: Report by the External Auditor and WFP Management Response

The upgrade of the WINGS system is important to the effectiveness and reliability of future financial accounting and reporting under IPSAS, although the implementation of the WINGS II project has been delayed beyond the Programme's first year of IPSAS implementation. NAO will examine WFP's progress in project management with the design of the application and report on the extent to which WINGS II appears to be fit for the purpose, with audit observations for the Board as appropriate on progress with IPSAS implementation. 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 have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the FAO Finance Committee and the ACABQ.

7. *Evaluation Reports*

The evaluation documents submitted under this item are presented to the Board **for consideration**. The associated matrices summarizing the action taken by management to implement the recommendations are presented as addenda to these reports.

a) Summary Evaluation Report Madagascar PRRO 10442.0

This report summarizes the findings of the evaluation of PRRO 10442.0 "Response to Recurrent Natural Disasters and Seasonal Food Insecurity", conducted between June and August 2008. Its objectives were to: i) report on activities undertaken and the extent to which their implementation was in line with the original plan; and ii) identify reasons for successes and failures and derive lessons learned. Given the innovative nature of this PRRO, the evaluation also sought to draw lessons from the atypical use of this programme category, which could be replicated in other operations

b) Summary Evaluation Report Nicaragua Emergency Operation 10700.0 and Immediate Response Emergency Operation 10695.0

The evaluation assesses WFP's response to the needs of people affected by Hurricane Felix in September 2007. Natural disasters occur frequently in Central America and the Caribbean, and Nicaragua has experienced a series of them. The summary report presents conclusions and recommendations and highlights good practice for the design and implementation of future emergency responses to hurricanes in Nicaragua.

Operational Matters

8. *Draft Country Programmes*

- Uganda 10807.0 (2009–2014) – **withdrawn**



9. a) ***Protracted relief and recovery operations for Executive Board consideration***

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

- Kenya 10666.0
- Uganda 10121.3

9. b) ***Budget increases to PRROs for Executive Board approval***

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

- Tajikistan 10603.0

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

The Board will have before it, **for information**, the following PRRO budget increase approved by correspondence by the Executive Board between its Second Regular Session in 2008 and its First Regular Session in 2009:

- Democratic Republic of the Congo 10608.0

11. ***Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters***

- Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2008)*

The Executive 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 (2009–2010)*

Further to a request by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2004, an updated version of the Biennial Programme of Work (2009–2010) 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 2008;
- (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, 2008*

In accordance with the Board's decision at its Second Regular Session in 1996 on its methods of work, the Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of 2008 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 23 and 26 January 2009, will be presented orally to the Board **for information**.

16. **Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations**

- Decisions and Recommendations of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2009

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 Board's decisions on governance approved at the 2000 Annual and Third Regular Sessions, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it well in advance of the meeting and the President accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time.