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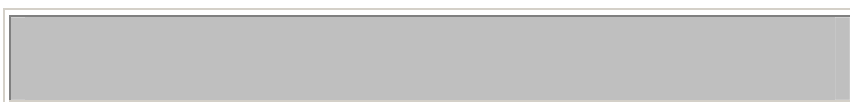
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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA



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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 Annual Session in 2008. 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 Statement by the Executive Director*

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

4. *Annual Reports*

➤ Annual Performance Report for 2007

General Rule VII.2 states: “Each year the Executive Director shall submit to the Board **for its approval** an Annual Report and other reports as directed by the Board.” Governance recommendation (h), approved by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2000 (decision 2000/EB.3/1—Follow-up to Executive Board decision 2000/EB.A/6 on Governance), states: “An Annual Performance Report should be developed” based on the Biennial Management Plan previously approved.

The Annual Performance Report for 2007 aims to present a relevant and credible analysis of WFP’s performance in terms of the commitments made for the year as defined in the Strategic and Management Plans for 2006–2009.

5. *Policy Issues*

a) WFP Strategic Plan (2008–2011)

The Strategic Plan (2008–2011) is meant to replace the current Strategic Plan (2006–2009). The document is the result of an extensive consultation process, with both internal and external stakeholders, that began in August 2007. The Strategic Plan (2008–2011) is presented to the Executive Board **for approval**.

b) WFP Communications Strategy

Following a discussion on the “Costs and Benefits of New Initiatives in Profile Raising” (WFP/EB.A/2007/6-D) during the Annual Session of the Board in June 2007, the Secretariat was requested to present a Communications Strategy. This document, which is submitted **for consideration**, sets out the strategic framework through which WFP will communicate its mission, work and results in alleviating global hunger. It defines the target audiences and the core messages to communicate to those audiences. It also outlines the environment in which WFP works and the challenges presented, as these provide the context in which WFP communications activities will be executed. The goals and objectives of the Communications Strategy are aligned and linked inextricably with WFP’s proposed Strategic Plan 2008–2011.



6. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*

a) Audited Biennial Accounts (2006–2007)

In accordance with General Regulation XIV.6 (b), the Executive Director will submit to the Board, **for approval**, the biennial financial statements of WFP, together with the report of the External Auditor. The financial statements are submitted under cover of the Executive Director's report on the financial administration of WFP.

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) WFP Pledging Target (2009–2010)

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, a document presenting the Executive Director's proposed pledging target for the 2009–2010 biennium, to be submitted to the Pledging Conference jointly convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of FAO in the first week of November 2008.

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

c) Update on the WFP Management Plan (2008–2009)

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, a report on the implementation of the Management Plan for 2008–2009.

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

d) Appointment and Reappointment of the External Auditor – **withdrawn**

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 reappointment 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 its approval**.

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

e) Progress Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations

The follow-up report on the implementation of the recommendations of the External Auditor is presented **for consideration**.

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



f) Report of the Inspector General

In accordance with Article VI (2) (b) (viii) of the WFP General Regulations, the Board will have before it a report of the Inspector General on oversight activities for consideration and forwarding to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), as established by Board decision 1996/EB.3/3. The report is submitted **for consideration**.

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

g) Sixth Progress Report on the Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, the sixth progress report on the transition to international accounting standards.

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

h) Report of the Executive Director on the Utilization of Contributions and Waivers of Costs (General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (g))*

In accordance with General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (g), this document is submitted to the Board **for information**. It contains information on the use of unrestricted cash resources to purchase commodities; contributions of commodities or services only, from governments of developing countries, countries with economies in transition and other non-traditional donors; and reductions or waivers for indirect support costs in respect to any contribution in kind to cover direct support costs.

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

i) Status Report on WINGS II Project*

This paper, submitted to the Board **for information**, is a report on the WINGS II project, outlining the project's current status 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*

➤ Summary Report of the Evaluation of WFP's Capacity-Development Policy and Operations

The evaluation of WFP's capacity-development policy and operations was requested by the Board at its Annual Session in June 2007. The evaluation report, **for consideration**, will analyse the quality of the policy, determine whether the policy is being implemented and to what effect, and review WFP's capabilities for delivering capacity-building assistance. The management response is included in an addendum to this report.



Operational Matters

8. *Draft Country Programmes*

In October 2002, the Board approved the harmonized procedure for country programme approval (WFP/EB.3/2002/4-B), in which draft country programmes would be reviewed by the Board at its Annual Session. Country programmes would then be posted on the WFP website and approved at the Second Regular Session on a no-objection basis. They would be discussed only if at least five Board members requested it in writing (WFP/EB.2/2003/INF/6). The following draft country programmes are therefore submitted to the Board **for consideration**:

- Kenya 10668.0 (2009–2013)
- Niger 10614.0 (2009–2013)

9. *Projects for Executive Board Approval*

a) Development Projects

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

- Liberia 10733.0

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:

- Budget Increases to Development Activities Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases

c) 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:

- Somalia 10191.1
- Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Arising from Food Commodity and Other Price Increases

10. *Projects Approved by Correspondence**

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document including a budget increase approved by correspondence by the Executive Board since its First Regular Session in February 2008.

- Afghanistan 10427.0



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

a) Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2007)*

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

- Haiti 10386.0
- Lesotho 10582.0
- Syrian Arab Republic 10678.0

b) Budget Increases to Development Activities Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2007)*

The Executive 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 (1 July–31 December 2007)*

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

- Ecuador 10443.0
- Ghana 10673.0
- Mauritania 10605.0
- Niger 10611.0
- Pakistan 10671.0
- Senegal 10612.0
- Zambia 10593.0

d) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 July–31 December 2007)*

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

e) Report on the Use of the Immediate Response Account (1 January–31 December 2007)*

The Executive Board will also have before it, **for information**, a report on the use of the Immediate Response Account during the period 1 January–31 December 2007.

12. *Organizational and Procedural Matters*

➤ Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2008–2009)*

Further to a request by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2004, an updated version of the Biennial Programme of Work (2008–2009) is presented **for information**.

13. *Administrative and Managerial Matters*

a) Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2007

The Executive Director submits to the Board, **for consideration**, a report on commodity losses incurred after delivery in recipient countries.

The report on post-delivery losses concerns country-specific and commodity-specific issues and describes the measures taken by WFP to keep post-delivery commodity losses to a minimum. The reporting period covered is the calendar year 1 January to 31 December 2007. The report lists commodity losses by reason, commodity and country as well as losses equal to or greater than 2 percent of the total net cost. The largest losses, both in terms of absolute and proportional net cost, insurance and freight value, receive specific mention in this report; significant but proportionately small losses in countries where large programmes are being implemented are also mentioned.

b) Update on WFP Food Procurement*

At the First Regular Session in 2006, Board members asked WFP to report more regularly on food procurement activities as a follow-up to “Food Procurement in Developing Countries” (WFP/EB.1/2006/5-C). This report, presented **for information**, provides details on (i) food procurement trends, (ii) the impact of rising food costs, (iii) WFP food procurement capacity, and iv) the most salient food procurement activities.

c) Statistical Report on WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document reflecting WFP staffing as at 31 December 2007. It provides the number of international professional staff and higher categories holding indefinite, continuing or fixed-term (one year or more) appointments at Headquarters and in country offices as at 31 December 2007. Junior professional officers and United Nations volunteers participating in WFP activities as at 31 December 2007 are also included. The report also provides statistics on the geographical distribution of WFP international professional staff and higher categories.

d) Information Note on the Implementation of Security Management Arrangements*

At its Annual Session in 2005, the Board considered the document “Information Paper on the Implementation of New Security Arrangements” (WFP/EB.A/2005/12-D) and took note of the information it contained, including the Secretariat’s intention to inform the Board periodically of progress and to report to the Board any significant changes in WFP’s share of costs or in the cost-sharing mechanism. This document is submitted **for information**.



e) WFP Security Report 2007

At its Second Regular Session in 2007, the Board requested that the WFP security report be shared with Board members. This document, which is submitted **for information**, presents an analysis of significant security incidents involving WFP staff, assets and partners in 2007 as well as statistical data on geographical distribution and types of security incidents. The latest report of the Secretary-General on “Safety and Security of Humanitarian Personnel and Protection of United Nations Personnel” (document A/62/324) which is presented to the General Assembly on a yearly basis, is available at the following link: <http://www.un.org/Docs/journal/asp/ws.asp?m=A/62/324>.

14. *Summary of the Work of the First 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 Work of the First Regular Session of 2008 is submitted **for endorsement**.

15. *Other Business*

➤ Report of the Joint Field Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Haiti*

A report on the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP to Haiti, which took place from 1 to 9 March 2008, will be presented 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 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.