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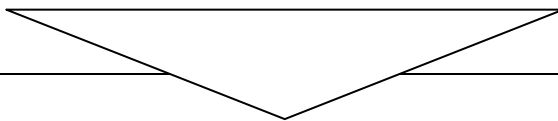
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MECHANISM FOR APPROVAL BY CORRESPONDENCE OF PRROs AND PRRO BUDGET REVISIONS



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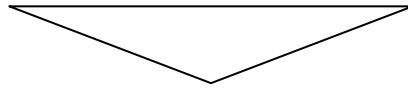
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DRAFT DECISION*



The Board approves “Mechanism for Approval by Correspondence of PRROs and PRRO Budget Revisions” (WFP/EB.A/2005/11-B).

* 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.



BACKGROUND

1. At its Third Regular Session in 2004, the Board approved delegation to the Executive Director of the authority to approve all PRROs and budget revisions relating to them with a food value of US\$ 20 million or below.
2. It was also agreed that a system of Board approval by correspondence for PRROs and budget revisions relating to them would be re-established for cases of extreme urgency. As a follow-up to the debate which took place during the Board, the Bureau requested the Secretariat to propose a formal mechanism for approval by correspondence. Such mechanism is presented here below to the Board for approval.

MECHANISM FOR APPROVAL OF PRROs AND PRRO BUDGET REVISION BY CORRESPONDENCE

3. PRROs and PRRO budget revisions with a food value greater than US\$20 million are normally submitted to the Board for approval during Board sessions. In cases of extreme urgency, the Secretariat may present a PRRO or PRRO budget revision for approval by correspondence by Board members between Board sessions.
4. The following are the steps in the process:
 - i) In exceptional cases, the Secretariat will post a PRRO or PRRO budget revision on WFP's website as soon as it has been cleared by the Executive Director. Board members and observers will be advised immediately by e-mail of the posting of such a document on the website so that they may communicate comments to the Secretariat within 30 calendar days in the case of a new PRRO, or within five working days in the case of an urgent PRRO budget revision resulting from increased relief and/or refugee requirements. On receipt of comments from any Board member, the Secretariat will address them bilaterally with that member.
 - ii) At the end of the period of posting on WFP's website, the document will be considered approved unless at least one Board member requests in writing a discussion at the next Board session. Requests must be addressed to the Secretary of the Executive Board, with a copy to the President of the Board.
 - iii) PRROs and PRRO budget revisions will be registered in WINGS immediately on posting on WFP's website so that the Programming Service (ODP) can programme any early resources and prepare to call forward commodities.
 - iv) A list of the PRROs and PRRO budget revisions approved by correspondence between Board sessions will be submitted to the Board for information at its next session, according to the following format:

PRROs and PRRO budget revisions approved by correspondence between (date) and (date)				
Country	Title and number	Start/end date	Total tonnage	Total value

