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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the revised agenda as presented (Annex).

31 January 2005

Election of the Bureau and Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Executive Board elected H.E. Poul Skytte Christoffersen (Denmark, List D) as President for a one-year term.

The Board elected as Vice-President H.E. Mirza Qamar Beg (Pakistan, List B). The representatives of: Angola, Mr Kiala Kia Mateva (List A); Haiti, Mr Patrick Saint-Hilaire (List C); and the Russian Federation, Mr Alexander A. Titarenko (List E) were elected as members of the Bureau, representing the other three WFP electoral lists for a one-year term.

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Milan Pakši (Slovakia) Rapporteur of the First Regular Session of 2005.

31 January 2005

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board's deliberations, from which the main comments will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2005/EB.1/1 Current and Future Strategic Issues

The Board took note of the Executive Director's oral presentation on strategic issues facing WFP, including information on WFP's activities in the Indian Ocean region following the tsunami disaster. The main points of the presentation, and the Board's comments, would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

31 January 2005

POLICY ISSUES

2005/EB.1/2 Definition of Emergencies

The Board endorsed the recommendations in document WFP/EB.1/2005/4-A/Rev.1. In accordance with decision 2002/EB.A/4, it asked that the Secretariat add the following updated definition of emergencies to the "Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies" (WFP/EB.3/2004/4-F):

"For purposes of WFP emergency projects, emergencies are defined as urgent situations in which there is clear evidence that an event or series of events has occurred which causes human suffering or imminently threatens human lives or livelihoods and which the government concerned has not the means to remedy; and it is a demonstrably abnormal event or series of events which produces dislocation in the life of a community on an exceptional scale.



The event or series of events may comprise one or a combination of the following:

- a) sudden calamities such as earthquakes, floods, locust infestations and similar unforeseen disasters;
- b) human-made emergencies resulting in an influx of refugees or the internal displacement of populations or in the suffering of otherwise affected populations;
- c) food scarcity conditions owing to slow-onset events such as drought, crop failures, pests, and diseases that result in an erosion of communities' and vulnerable populations' capacity to meet their food needs;
- d) severe food access or availability conditions resulting from sudden economic shocks, market failure or economic collapse — and that result in an erosion of communities' and vulnerable populations' capacity to meet their food needs; and
- e) a complex emergency for which the government of the affected country or the Secretary-General of the United Nations has requested the support of WFP.

WFP's emergency interventions will continue to be based on assessed needs, also taking into account any other considerations or criteria that may be decided upon by the Executive Board consistent with the organization's rules, regulations and mandate.”

2 February 2005

2005/EB.1/3

Exiting Emergencies

The Board endorsed “Exiting Emergencies” (WFP/EB.1/2005/4-B) and requested that the following statement be added to the policy compendium:

“WFP recognizes that a realistic and deliberate exit strategy, planned with government and other partners, and clearly stated at the beginning of an emergency operation, can help to facilitate more effective country responses after the initial stage of an emergency. ‘Exiting’ for WFP means either (i) the withdrawal of WFP assistance from an emergency operation or from a country, or (ii) a shift to a longer-term programme to protect and improve livelihoods and resilience. WFP will endeavour to ensure that exit strategies become part of its emergency responses, and that principles of good exiting guide future practice.

The overall objective for most emergency interventions is to restore to pre-emergency levels the capacity of communities and vulnerable populations to access food. WFP emergency aid should be part of broader national and international efforts to achieve this outcome, and should be joined with other forms of necessary assistance, including appropriate non-food assistance. Exit strategies from emergencies should aim to withdraw WFP support without compromising communities' regained ability to meet their own food needs. Emergency response, particularly in relation to recurrent shocks, is more effective when it is carried out in the context of a longer-term strategy for capacity-building and resilience.”

2 February 2005



2005/EB.1/4 Annual Report to ECOSOC and the FAO Council

The Board approved the Annual Report to ECOSOC and the FAO Council, (WFP/EB.1/2005/4-C + Corr.1). In accordance with its decision 2004/EB.A/11 of 24 May 2004, the Board requested that the Annual Report be forwarded to the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, along with the Board's decisions and recommendations for 2004 and the present decision.

1 February 2005

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2005/EB.1/5 Financial Framework for Strategic Priority 5 Implementation

The Board:

- approved the financial framework for country and regional capacity-building set out in document WFP/EB.1/2005/5-A; and
- took note of the next steps outlined in paragraph 16.

1 February 2005

2005/EB.1/6 Definition of Special Operations

The Board approved the following amended definition of the special operations programme category in the General Rules as set out in the document WFP/EB.1/2005/5-B:

General Rule II.2(d): Programme Categories

Special Operations Programme Category for interventions undertaken to:

- i) rehabilitate and enhance transport and logistics infrastructure to permit timely and efficient delivery of food assistance, especially to meet emergency and protracted relief needs; and
- ii) enhance coordination within the United Nations system and with other partners through the provision of designated common services.

1 February 2005

2005/EB.1/7 Business Process Review: Working-Capital Financing

The Board took note of the information and recommendations outlined in "Business Process Review: Working-Capital Financing" (WFP/EB.1/2005/5-C), and approved:

- i) the establishment of a working-capital advance ceiling of US\$180 million as per Financial Regulation 10.8 (as amended below) to enable the Executive Director to ensure continued financing of projects pending confirmation of forecast contributions within established risk-management parameters;
- ii) the relevant changes in Financial Regulation 10.6 (as shown below) to allow the use of the Operational Reserve to cover cases where a working-capital advance is made but the forecast contribution(s) used as collateral for the advance do not materialize; and



- iii) revision of Financial Regulation 8.1 (as shown below) to allow expenditures to be incurred during project preparation in order to fill the food pipeline in advance of the start date.

In addition the Board agreed to the following:

- i) working-capital financing would never exceed 80 percent of forecast income for any project;
- ii) any “losses” would be written off as they occurred;
- iii) there would be an annual cap on “losses” of US\$20 million;
- iv) the Board would receive at each session a report on business process reforms, including the strengthening of needs assessments;
- v) the Secretariat would report to the Board on an information-only basis with regard to expenditures in relation to prefilling a pipeline during project preparation of less than US\$20 million, and on a no-objection basis regarding expenditures of over US\$20 million;
- vi) the Secretariat would limit further roll-out of working-capital financing to seven country operations during 2005; and
- vii) the Board would continue its usual consultations with donors regarding this initiative.

AMENDED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

(changes underlined)

Financial Regulation 8.1:

Approval of a Country Programme, project or operation shall normally constitute authority for the Executive Director to issue allotments, incur obligations and expend resources for the Country Programme, project or operation, subject to signature of the Country Programme, project or operation agreement. However, the Executive Director may incur obligations and expend resources during project preparation, if necessary, to fill the food pipeline for the project for the first three months, not exceeding one quarter of total funding requirements.

Financial Regulation 10.6:

Drawdowns from the Operational Reserve shall be restored as soon as possible from the contributions made for the purpose for which the drawdown was made. At the end of each financial period, the Executive Director should determine any such forecast or confirmed contributions that are uncollectable and for which expenditure was incurred and request the Board to approve the replenishment of the Operational Reserve from the unearmarked portion of the General Fund. Such requests shall be made at the time of the presentation of the audited biennial accounts.

Financial Regulation 10.8:

The resources of the WFP Fund shall be used exclusively for the operational and support expenses of WFP. Furthermore, resources of the WFP Fund may be used to advance working capital to projects based on forecast contributions up to a ceiling which will be approved and reviewed periodically by the Board.

1 February 2005



2005/EB.1/8 Proposed Programme of Work of the External Auditor for the 2004–2005 Biennium

The Board took note of the information contained in the document “Proposed Programme of Work of the External Auditor for the 2004–2005 Biennium” (WFP/EB.1/2005/5-D).

1 February 2005

2005/EB.1/9 Report of the External Auditor on Financial Reporting Standards of the World Food Programme

The Board took note of the “Report of the External Auditor on Financial Reporting Standards of the World Food Programme” (WFP/EB.1/2005/5-E).

1 February 2005

2005/EB.1/10 Follow-Up on the Recommendations of the External Auditor

The Board took note of the information contained in the document “Follow-Up on the Recommendations of the External Auditor” (WFP/EB.1/2005/5-F).

1 February 2005

2005/EB.1/11 Update on the WFP Management Plan 2004–2005

The Board took note of the information contained in the document “Update on the WFP Management Plan 2004–2005” (WFP/EB.1/2005/5-G).

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EVALUATION REPORTS

2005/EB.1/12 Information Note on the Implementation Plan of the PRRO Evaluation Recommendations

The Board took note of the information contained in the “Information Note on the Implementation Plan of the PRRO Evaluation Recommendations” (WFP/EB.1/2005/6-B).

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MIDDLE EAST, CENTRAL ASIA AND EASTERN EUROPE REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

EVALUATION REPORTS

2005/EB.1/13 Summary Evaluation Report of PRRO 10233.0 in Afghanistan

The Board took note of the information and recommendations set out in the “Summary Evaluation Report of PRRO 10233.0 in Afghanistan” (WFP/EB.1/2005/6-A).

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OPERATIONAL MATTERS

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2005/EB.1/14 Budget Increase to Development Activities — Ethiopia Country Programme 10208.0 (Activity 2)

The Board approved the budget increase to Ethiopia Country Programme 10208.0 (Activity 2) (WFP/EB.1/2005/7-A).

1 February 2005

2005/EB.1/15 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval — Uganda 10121.1

The Board approved Uganda PRRO expansion 10121.1, “Targeted Food Assistance for Relief and Recovery of Refugees, Displaced Persons and Vulnerable Groups in Uganda” (WFP/EB.1/2005/7-B/2 + Corr.1).

1 February 2005

2005/EB.1/16 Ethiopia PRRO 10362.0: Updated Annex

The Board took note of the information contained in the document “Ethiopia PRRO 10362.0: Updated Annex” (WFP/EB.1/2005/8-B).

1 February 2005

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2005/EB.1/17 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation for Executive Board Approval — Colombia 10366.0

The Board approved Colombia PRRO 10366.0, “Assistance to Persons Displaced by the Violence in Colombia” (WFP/EB.1/2005/7-B/1 + Corr.1).

1 February 2005

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2005/EB.1/18 WFP’s Response to the Tsunami Disaster

The Board:

- expressed its condolences and deep sympathy with the victims of the Tsunami disaster in the Indian Ocean and the countries affected;
- paid tribute to WFP and its dedicated staff’s rapid and outstanding response to the disaster, which formed part of the United Nations system’s exemplary action, in support of the efforts of national governments;
- noted that members have provided financial support that would make it possible to offer emergency aid and logistics support to 2 million people during a 6-month period;
- noted that the Executive Director would consult members of the Board on any extension of the emergency response and on any redirection of resources that might be deemed appropriate;



- agreed that efforts should be directed as soon as possible towards rehabilitation and development;
- would examine at an upcoming session plans for WFP action on rehabilitation and recovery as part of the United Nations system's overall efforts towards this goal; and
- noted that the tsunami disaster was but one of the many humanitarian crises around the world where WFP's action is needed.

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OPERATIONAL MATTERS

2005/EB.1/19 Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2004)

The Board took note of the information contained in the document "Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 July–31 December 2004)" (WFP/EB.1/2005/8-A).

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ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2005/EB.1/20 Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2005–2006)

The Board took note of the information contained in the document "Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2005–2006)" (WFP/EB.1/2005/9).

1 February 2005

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2005/EB.1/21 Funding Arrangements for United Nations Staff Safety and Security

Having considered the Executive Director's proposal for the establishment of a funding mechanism for WFP to cover all staff safety and security-related costs, as set out in "Funding Arrangements for United Nations Staff Safety and Security" (WFP/EB.1/2005/10 + Corr.1), the Board:

- agreed with the Executive Director continuing to support the Secretary-General in implementing a strengthened and unified security-management system for United Nations staff around the world and advocating for the central funding of related security costs in accordance with General Assembly Resolution 59/276;
- authorized the use of the General Fund on a one-off basis to fund WFP's share of United Nations staff security management system costs for 2004–2005 up to the total amount approved by the General Assembly, plus WFP's costs for the Malicious Acts Insurance Policy and contributions to United Nations reform;



- requested that the Secretariat submit to the Annual Session in 2005 a report on the final decision of the General Assembly (A/RES/59/276/XI) and that the financial implications of that decision, along with all other WFP security costs, be addressed in a unified way in the Management Plan for 2006–2007;
- took note of the way forward on this topic as outlined by the Secretariat; and
- underlined that this decision did not prejudice in any way future decisions as to the funding of security costs for WFP.

1 February 2005

SUMMARIES OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2005/EB.1/22 Summary of the Work of the Third Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2004

The Board endorsed the draft summary of its Third Regular Session of 2004, the final version of which would be contained in document WFP/EB.3/2004/16.

2 February 2005

OTHER BUSINESS

2005/EB.1/23 Oral Report on the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP

The Board took note of the oral report on the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP.

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8 b)	Ethiopia PRRO 10362.0: updated annex	WFP/EB.1/2005/8-B
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	Report by the Executive Director on senior staff movements (1 October–31 December 2004)	WFP/EB.1/2005/INF/5

* To be issued after endorsement by the Executive Board at its Annual Session in June 2005.



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Czech Republic:	Mr. P. Škoda
Dominican Republic:	Ms. D.M. Cedeño Perez
Ecuador:	Ms. P. Borja
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El Salvador:	Ms. M.E. Jimenez de Mochi Onori
Gabon:	Mr. L. Charicauth
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