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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Executive Board adopted the agenda as presented (Annex I).

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Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed H.E. Romuald Szuniewicz (Poland, List E) Rapporteur of the Annual Session of 2003.

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

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2003/EB.A/1 Current and Future Strategic Issues

The Board took note of the Executive Director's oral presentation on strategic issues facing the Programme. The main points of the presentation, and the Board's comments, will be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: 2002

2003/EB.A/2 Annual Report of the Executive Director: 2002

The Board approved the Annual Report of the Executive Director: 2002 (WFP/EB.A/2003/4) with changes to paragraph 136 that will read as follows:

The Executive Board of the World Food Programme (WFP) suggests that the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) may wish to:

- encourage governments, other bodies, Funds and Programmes of the United Nations to ensure that Common Country Assessments (CCAs), United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks (UNDAFs), Poverty-Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs), sector-wide approaches (SWAPs) and other national poverty-reduction planning documents take into account the food and nutritional security situation and, in particular, meet the needs of vulnerable populations;



- encourage United Nations agencies, Funds and Programmes to strengthen their partnerships so that food aid, when and where justified, can play a complementary role in the fields of health, education, nutrition, capacity-building and asset creation, and in the supply of inputs for rural development;
- invite additional countries to become donors—facilitating this process for them—and urge donors to increase their multilateral contributions, thereby broadening global solidarity and support for combating hunger;
- encourage the sharing and collaborative review of all United Nations agencies' human resources policies to ensure that they are gender sensitive and allow staff to pursue a balance between their professional and private lives; this would strengthen the gender balance goal articulated at the Beijing Conference on Women;
- support ongoing ECHA/UNDG efforts to develop a strategy and flexible resource mobilization and programming mechanisms to facilitate the transition from relief to development; it may also wish to highlight the importance of preventing depletion of productive assets, helping rehabilitate damaged infrastructure and enabling returnees or resettled populations to restore their livelihoods or learn new skills for recovery in transition situations;
- urge the United Nations Funds and Programmes to pursue joint programming, taking into account efficiency and the impact on the intended beneficiaries;
- continue to support efforts to coordinate inter-agency activities, including logistics, telecommunications, the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service and UNJLC.

In accordance with its decision 2000/EB.A/2, of 22 May 2000, the Board requested that the Annual Report be forwarded as amended to ECOSOC and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Council, along with the Board's decisions and recommendations for 2002 and the present decision, in fulfilment of the reporting obligations of the Board under General Regulation VI.3.

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POLICY ISSUES

2003/EB.A/3 **Food Aid and Livelihoods in Emergencies: Strategies for WFP**

The Board endorsed the conclusions of document WFP/EB.A/2003/5-A. In accordance with decision 2002/EB.A/4, it asked that the Secretariat add the following language to the “Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies: A Governance Tool” (WFP/EB.A/2002/5-A/1):

“WFP will systematically assess and analyse livelihood-related issues in emergencies and determine where food aid can play a role in supporting livelihoods. WFP will strengthen staff capacity to design, implement and monitor programmes that save lives and protect livelihoods. WFP will also promote greater coherence between its emergency and longer-term interventions and will strengthen partnerships with national governments, local authorities and institutions, bilateral donors, United Nations agencies, international financial institutions, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community-based organizations, in particular for common analysis and design of appropriate livelihood interventions.”

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2003/EB.A/4 **WFP Policy on Donations of Foods Derived from Biotechnology**

The Board took note of the WFP policy on donations of foods derived from biotechnology, as set out in document WFP/EB.A/2003/5-B/Rev.1, taking into account that the Directors-General of the World Trade Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization had been consulted on the policy.

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RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2003/EB.A/5 **Issues on Financial Policies**

The Board:

- endorsed the progress report on the review of the financial policies and its conclusions (WFP/EB.A/2003/6-A/1) and looked forward to further consideration of the outputs of the review in its discussion of the Strategic Plan and the biennial Management Plan at the Third Regular Session of the Board in October 2003 or later at the First Regular Session in February 2004; and

supported the incorporation of future reviews of those policies in WFP’s strategic and management planning processes.



The Board took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.A/2003/6(A,B,C)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2003/6(A,B,C)/3).

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2003/EB.A/6 Comprehensive Financial Report

The Board:

- took note of the information contained in the Comprehensive Financial Report (WFP/EB.A/2003/6-B/1);
- looked forward to receiving information on the funding and utilization of the Capital Asset Fund (CAF) as part of the biennial Management Plan and Budget for 2004–2005; and
- looked forward to receiving information on the balance of the programme support and administrative (PSA) equalization account as part of the Audited Biennial Accounts for 2002–2003.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2003/6(A,B,C)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2003/6(A,B,C)/3).

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2003/EB.A/7 Amendments to WFP Financial Regulations

The Board approved the amendments to Financial Regulations 1.1, 7.1, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6 and 9.8 as set out in the annex of document WFP/EB.A/2003/6-C/1.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2003/6(A,B,C)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2003/6(A,B,C)/3).

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EVALUATION REPORTS

2003/EB.A/8 Office of Evaluation Workplan: 2003–2004

The Board took note of the Office of Evaluation Workplan: 2003–2004 (WFP/EB.A/2002/7-A).

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2003/EB.A/9 Information Note on Results-Based Management, May 2003

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.A/2003/7-B.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS**2003/EB.A/10 Report on Post-Delivery Commodity Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2002**

In considering the Report on Post-Delivery Commodity Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2002 (WFP/EB.A/2003/8-A), the Board noted the country- and commodity-specific losses suffered and the corrective actions taken by WFP, governments and other partners to keep such post-delivery losses to a minimum. It encouraged the Secretariat to take all necessary measures to ensure that losses were further reduced, to seek reimbursement from those governments that had lost commodities through negligence, and to continue to report to the Board annually.

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2003/EB.A/11 WFP Policy on Staff Recruitment and Geographical Representation of Member States

The Board reviewed documents WFP/EB.A/2003/8-B and WFP/EB.A/2003/8-B/Add.1 regarding the methodology used by the Programme to establish the geographical and gender representation of the International Professional staff category.

The Board welcomed the Executive Director's decision to review the methodology and looked forward to discussing his conclusions with him at the First Regular Session in February 2004.

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OTHER BUSINESS**2003/EB.A/12 Briefing on the Work of the Working Group on Governance**

The Board took note of the information provided by the President on the subject. The President stated that members would be regularly updated on progress made.

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2003/EB.A/13 Joint Meetings of the Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP—New York, 6–9 June 2003

The Board took note of the information provided by the President on the subject. The President invited members to provide any comments they had on the Joint Boards' process in view of the Board discussion planned for the Third Regular Session of the Board in October.

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2003/EB.A/14 Review of the Conduct of Business and Time Management

The Board took note of the information provided by the Secretariat on the subject.

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 - b) WFP Policy on Donations of Foods Derived from Biotechnology
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 - d) Information Note on the Implementation of New Security Management Arrangements*
9. *Other business*
10. *Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations*

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



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1	Provisional Annotated Agenda	WFP/EB.A/2003/1/Rev.1
Annual Report of the Executive Director: 2002		
4	Annual Report of the Executive Director: 2002	WFP/EB.A/2003/4 + Corr.1 (Arabic only)
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5 a)	Food Aid and Livelihoods in Emergencies: Strategies for WFP	WFP/EB.A/2003/5-A
5 b)	WFP Policy on Donations of Foods Derived from Modern Biotechnology	WFP/EB.A/2003/5-B/Rev.1
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6 a)	Issues on Financial Policies	WFP/EB.A/2003/6-A/1
	Report of the ACABQ	WFP/EB.A/2003/6(A,B,C)/2
	Report of the FAO Finance Committee	WFP/EB.A/2003/6(A,B,C)/3
6 b)	Comprehensive Financial Report	WFP/EB.A/2003/6-B/1
	Report of the ACABQ	WFP/EB.A/2003/6(A,B,C)/2
	Report of the FAO Finance Committee	WFP/EB.A/2003/6(A,B,C)/3
6 c)	Amendments to WFP Financial Regulations	WFP/EB.A/2003/6-C/1
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Evaluation Reports		
7 a)	Office of Evaluation Workplan: 2003–2004	WFP/EB.A/2003/7-A



Provisional Agenda Item	Title of Agenda Item and Document	Document Symbol
7 b)	Information Note on Results-Based Management, May 2003	WFP/EB.A/2003/7-B + *(Spanish only)
Administrative and Managerial Matters		
8 a)	Report on Post-Delivery Commodity Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2002	WFP/EB.A/2003/8-A + *(French only)
8 b)	WFP Policy on Staff Recruitment and Geographical Representation of Member States	WFP/EB.A/2003/8-B
	WFP Policy on Staff Recruitment and Geographical Representation of Member States: Addendum	WFP/EB.A/2003/8-B/1
8 c)	Composition of WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories—Personnel Statistics Report as at 31 December 2002	WFP/EB.A/2003/8-C
8 d)	Implementation of the Funding Arrangements for United Nations Staff Safety and Security	WFP/EB.A/2003/8-D
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	Report by the Executive Director on Senior Staff Movements (1 February–30 April 2003)	WFP/EB.A/2003/INF/5
	ECHO-Commissioned Evaluation of Its Contributions to WFP Programmes	WFP/EB.A/2003/INF/6

* Reissued for technical reasons.

** To be issued after endorsement by the Executive Board at its Third Regular Session in October 2003.



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