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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 First Regular Session, 2003. 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, Vice-President and three other members (collectively designated as the Bureau), who shall hold office until their successors are elected. Each member 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 wish to appoint a Rapporteur from among the representatives.

3. **Current and future strategic issues.** Under this item, the Executive Director will provide, **for the Board's consideration**, an oral presentation of strategic issues facing the Programme.
4. **Policy Issues**

- a) Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010: An Update

The Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), held in Brussels on 20 May 2001, adopted the Brussels Declaration and the Programme of Action (POA) for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001–2010, by which United Nations organizations are called upon to mainstream POA objectives in their programme activities. The POA's basic objective is the achievement, with respect to LDCs, of substantial progress in meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) of halving poverty by 2015 and of promoting sustainable development.

The Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, Mr Anwarul K. Chowdhury, will present the progress report on the implementation of the Brussels POA and, **for the Board's approval**, the follow-up action required from WFP in that context.

- b) Programming in the Era of AIDS: WFP's Response to HIV/AIDS

Food is a major concern for poor families affected by HIV and AIDS. Programming food aid in the era of AIDS requires new thinking, and often, though not always, a different approach. HIV and AIDS constitute a new kind of crisis, which is neither short term in terms of response nor simple in terms of solutions. This paper, **for the Board's approval**, reviews the relationship between food security and HIV/AIDS, and identifies specific vulnerable groups and programme areas where WFP has a significant role to play in supporting the food security of families and communities impacted by AIDS.



c) Exit Strategies for School Feeding: WFP's Experience

This document, **for the Board's consideration**, examines the issues of exit strategies based on the experience of WFP and other organizations in school feeding projects. The sustainability of a project is linked to whether the flow of benefits generated by that project can continue after external assistance stops. The document discusses key programming issues that need to be taken into account to ensure a successful exit, and outlines the main elements of an exit strategy.

d) Comparison Study of WFP and Non-Governmental Organizations

At its Third Regular Session of 2002, the Board approved the Final Report on the Analysis of the Indirect Support Cost (ISC) Rate (WFP/EB.3/2002/5-C/1), which represented a comprehensive analysis of the Programme's support budget ISC. On that occasion, the Secretariat re-confirmed its commitment to presenting the outcome of its comparative NGO study, **for consideration**, to this current session. This document will describe and assess the impact of the factors that determine the various administrative and cost structures of WFP and NGOs.

For broader reading on the subject of support costs, members may also wish to refer to the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) report entitled Support Costs Related to Extra-Budgetary Activities in Organizations of the United Nations System (JIU/REP/2002/3), available on the JIU website: www.unsystem.org/jiu.

e) Follow-up to ECOSOC and General Assembly Resolutions on Actions to Be Taken by the Executive Boards of the United Nations Funds and Programmes

The Board will have before it, **for consideration**, a document outlining the sections of ECOSOC and General Assembly resolutions adopted in 2002 and relevant to the work of WFP. This document details issues that call for consideration and follow-up action by the Executive Boards of the United Nations Funds and Programmes.

5. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*

a) Programme of Work and Annotated Outline for the 2003 Review of Resource and Long-Term Financing Policies

At its Annual Session of 2001, the Board requested a review of WFP's Resource and Long-Term Financing (R<F) policy. A final report, including other issues required by the Board within the context of the ISC review during the Third Regular Session of 2002, will be presented to the Board's Annual Session, 2003. This current document, presented **for the Board's consideration**, contains the proposed programme of work and final annotated outline for the Review of WFP's Resource and Long-Term Financing Policy.

Pursuant to General Regulation XIV.4, the Executive Director has forwarded the document to the FAO Finance Committee for review. The comments and recommendations of that committee will also be submitted to the Board for information. Those of the ACABQ will be submitted for information to the Board's Annual Session in 2003.

b) Programme of Work of the External Auditor for the 2002–2003 Biennium

The new External Auditor, the National Audit Office (NAO) of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, appointed for the period 2002–2005, will present **for the Board's consideration** a document outlining its programme of work, and will include the modality of reporting on management matters.



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Operational Matters

6. *Projects for Executive Board Approval*

a) Protracted relief and recovery operations

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following protracted relief and recovery operations exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

◇ Afghanistan 10233.0

◇ Nepal 10058.2

◇ Tajikistan 10231.0

b) Budget increases to protracted relief and recovery operations

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, budget increases to the following protracted relief and recovery operations exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

◇ Democratic Republic of the Congo 06274.0

◇ Sudan 10122.0

7. *Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters (1 July–31 December 2002)*

Emergency operations approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO*

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 subparagraph (b) of the Appendix to the General Rules.

8. *Summary of the Work of the Third Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2002.* In accordance with the Executive Board's decision at its Second Regular Session in 1996 on its methods of work, the Summary of the Work of the Third Regular Session, 2002, will be submitted **for endorsement**.

9. *Other business.* Representatives and the Executive Director may wish to raise further matters of interest to the Executive Board.

10. *Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations.* The Executive Board will have before it a draft document containing all decisions and/or recommendations taken at its current session, for verification of their accuracy.

* In accordance with the Executive Board's decisions on governance, approved at the Annual and Third Regular Sessions of 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.

