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1. Article VI of the World Food Programme General Regulations, adopted by the FAO Conference (Resolution 11/97 of 17 November 1997) and by the United Nations General Assembly (Decision 52/449 of 18 December 1997), specifies the powers and functions of WFP's Executive Board.
2. Paragraph 1 of Article VI states: "The Board shall, within the framework of these General Regulations, be responsible for providing intergovernmental support and specific policy direction to and supervision of the activities of WFP in accordance with the overall policy guidance of the General Assembly of the United Nations, the FAO Conference, the Economic and Social Council and the Council of FAO, and for ensuring that WFP is responsive to the needs and priorities of recipient countries. The Board will be subject to the general authority of the Economic and Social Council and the Council of FAO".
3. Paragraph 3 indicates the Board's reporting obligations: "The Board shall provide a concise report annually on WFP's programmes, projects and activities including major decisions of the Board to the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council and the Council of FAO".
4. In regard to the annual reporting mandates for the operational activities segment of its substantive session, ECOSOC recalled General Assembly resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, 50/120 of 20 December 1995, 50/227 of 24 May 1996 and 52/203 of 18 December 1997, and ECOSOC resolutions 1994/33 of 28 July 1994 and 1995/51 of 28 July 1995, and adopted resolution 1998/27 of 28 July 1998—"Reporting of the United Nations funds and programmes to the Economic and Social Council". In this resolution, ECOSOC emphasized the need for more analytical and issue-oriented reporting, focusing on matters arising from implementation of the reform programmes of the Secretary-General.
5. In compliance with the above-mentioned and other related resolutions, the Secretariat has prepared the attached chart listing the relevant ECOSOC and General Assembly resolutions. Those paragraphs that call for consideration and follow-up action by Executive Boards of funds and programmes are reproduced for information.
6. As requested by the Executive Board in its decision 1999/EB.1/17, the Executive Director will report to the Board at its Annual Session of the year 2002 on follow-up action taken by WFP in compliance with the mandates contained in those resolutions.



**ECOSOC AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS WHICH CALL FOR REPORTS AND/OR FOLLOW-UP ACTION
BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARDS OF THE UNITED NATIONS FUNDS AND PROGRAMMES**

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RES.2000/20	Secretariat EB	Yes	Annual	<p>Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/192 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system</p> <p>Para.3: Notes the progress achieved in simplification and harmonization of programming cycles and procedures, and calls on the funds and programmes and specialized agencies involved in the coordination efforts in the field to take further steps to enhance and ensure the sustainability of this process, in particular in the area of decentralization and financial management;</p> <p>Para.6: Stresses the importance of ensuring full government participation in the formulation and the implementation of the Common Country Assessment and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework. In addition, it urges the funds and programmes, in full and close consultation and cooperation with them, to continue to review these processes at the country level with a view to effecting streamlining and simplification so as to reduce the administrative and financial costs to the recipient Governments as well as to the United Nations system;</p> <p>Para.7: Notes the progress and the challenges with regard to the Common Country Assessment and the United Nations Development Assistance Frameworks, as highlighted in the report of the Secretary-General. It also encourages the funds and programmes to ensure that United Nations Development Assistance Framework promotes a country-driven, collaborative and coherent response by the United Nations system so as to achieve a greater impact at the country level fully consistent with, and in support of, national priorities;</p>



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Para.16: Requests the funds and programmes to submit to the Council, through there Executive Boards, information and analyses in respect of the extent to which cross-cutting themes and goals emerging from global conferences have been integrated into their programme priorities in a coherent manner, as well as in respect of specific steps taken to develop complementary and collaborative approaches with other United Nations organizations in promoting the implementation of global targets, to assist the Secretary-General in the preparation of his report to the General Assembly through the Council on this issue;

Para.22: Recommends that the practice of holding joint meetings of the Bureaux of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme be continued, with a view to improving the impact of these meetings. In this regard, it requests the funds and programmes to examine the possibility of having joint reports prepared by their secretariats for these meetings, focused on some issues of specific joint interest, so as to ensure an effective follow-up of the resolutions of the Council and the General Assembly concerning the coordination of operational activities for development and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 2001.

Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations System

Para.1: Requests the Secretary-General, when finalizing his report on the triennial comprehensive policy review for submission to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session, to take into account the views and comments expressed by Member States during the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 2001 of the Economic and Social Council and to make appropriate recommendation;

Para.3: Invites the Secretary-General, in accordance with the coordination, guidance and oversight roles of the Council in the implementation by the United Nations system of the Triennial policy review of operational activities, to make recommendations, when finalizing his report on the triennial comprehensive policy review, on the possible themes that could be discussed at the substantive sessions of 2002 and 2003 of the Council, taking into account the necessary preparatory work for the following triennial policy review.

RES.2001/1
10 July 2001

Secretariat
EB

Yes

Ongoing



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RES.2001/3 24 July 2001	Secretariat EB	Yes	Ongoing	<p>Discrimination against women and girls in Afghanistan</p> <p>Para.5: Encourages the continuing efforts of the United Nations, international and non-governmental organizations and donors to ensure that all United Nations assisted programmes in Afghanistan are formulated and coordinated in such a way as to promote and ensure the participation of women in those programmes, and that women benefit equally with men from such programmes, and to that end encourages such measures as the establishment of culturally sensitive programmes to sensitize Afghan officials, ministry staff and technical departments concerning international principles of human rights and gender equality;</p> <p>Para.10: Encourages United Nations agencies to intensify their efforts to employ more women in their programmes in Afghanistan, particularly at the decision making level, to ensure, inter alia, the functioning of all programmes in order to better address the needs of the female population.</p>
RES.2001/5 24 July 2001	Secretariat EB	No	Ongoing	<p>Agreed conclusions of the Commission on the status of Women on thematic issues</p> <p>Section A, part 2(a): Governments, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, individually and collectively, should make efforts to place combating HIV/AIDS as a priority on the development agenda and to implement multisectoral and decentralized effective preventive strategies and programmes, especially for the most vulnerable populations, including women, young girls and infants, also taking into account the prevention of mother - to child transmission;</p> <p>Section A, part 2(b): Governments, with the assistance of relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, must adopt a long-term, timely, coherent and integrated AIDS prevention policy, with public information, life skills-based education programmes specifically tailored to the needs of women and girls adapted to their social cultural context and sensitivities and the specific needs in their life cycle;</p>



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Section A, part 4(a): Call upon the international community, relevant agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to intensify their support of national efforts against HIV/AIDS, particularly in favor of women and young girls, including efforts to provide affordable antiretroviral drugs, diagnostics and drugs to treat tuberculosis and other opportunistic infections; strengthening health systems, including reliable distribution and delivery systems; implementing a strong generic drug policy; bulk purchasing; negotiating with pharmaceutical companies to reduce prices; appropriate financing systems; and encouraging local manufacturing and import practices consistent with national laws and international agreements, particularly in the worst hit regions in Africa and where the epidemic is severely setting back national development gains;

Section A, Part4(m): Urge relevant United Nations entities to incorporate a gender perspective into their follow-up and evaluation of the progress made on the control of sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS.

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits

Para.2: Reiterates its commitment to assist the General Assembly in its overall responsibilities in follow-up to the United Nations Millennium Declaration, in compliance with General assembly resolution 55/162 of 14 December 2000 and the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits and the reviews of their implementation, as well as in achieving the international development targets;

Para.5: Decided to strengthen the links with relevant functional commissions and other relevant bodies of the United Nations system, including regional commissions, in follow-up to conferences and summits, by reviewing progress in the implementation of cross-cutting issues, and to strengthen links with the General assembly by bringing to its attention overall policy issues that might emerge from such follow-up and might require the Assembly's consideration.



RES.2001/21
26 July 2001

Secretariat
EB

Yes

Ongoing

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RES.2001/23 26 July 2001	Secretariat EB	Yes	Ongoing	<p>Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome</p> <p>Para.1: Urges all the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the co-sponsors and secretariat of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, to give priority to full implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, including through support to Governments in their expanded national responses to the epidemic;</p> <p>Para.2: Also urges the co-sponsors of the Programme, other participating organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and the secretariat of the Programme to refine their respective strategic objectives on HIV/AIDS in the light of the goals of the special session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS and to monitor progress in implementation;</p> <p>Para.3: Calls on the United Nations system, in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders, to further strengthen coordinated action at the country level;</p> <p>Para.4: Encourages the Executive Director of the Programme to draw upon the administrative and financial support systems of all co-sponsors of the Programme, as appropriate, so as to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of support provided by the secretariat of the Programme; organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, which should include the progress made in developing a coordinated response by the United Nations system to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.</p> <p>Para.5: Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Council at its substantive session of 2003 a report prepared by the Executive Director of the Programme, in collaboration with other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, which should include the progress made in developing a coordinated response by the United Nations system to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.</p>



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RES.2001/35 26 July 2001	Secretariat	No	To be determined	<p>International Strategy for Disaster Reduction</p> <p>Para.5: Urges all relevant bodies within the United Nations system to cooperate fully within the context of this framework;</p> <p>Para.13: Requests the relevant organizations of the United Nations system to support the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction in the implementation of its goals, including by seconding technical staff to the Strategy secretariat.</p>
Res.2001/41 26 July 2001	Secretariat EB	Yes	Regularly	<p>Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system</p> <p>Para.1: Decides to establish, under the regular agenda item "Coordination, programme and other questions", the regular sub-item "mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes of the United Nations system" in order to, inter alia, monitor and evaluate achievements made and obstacles encountered by the United Nations system, and to consider further measures to strengthen the implementation and monitoring of gender mainstreaming within the United Nations system;</p> <p>Para.4: Also decides to devote the coordination segment of one of its substantive sessions, before 2005, to the review and appraisal of the system-wide implementation of agreed conclusions 1997/2¹⁴³ of the Council on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system.</p>




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A/RES/55/162 18 Dec. 2000	Secretariat EB	Yes	Ongoing	<p>Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit</p> <p>Para.4: Calls upon the entire United Nations system to assist Member states in every way possible in the implementation of the Millennium Declaration;</p> <p>Para.6: Calls upon all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to become involved in the follow-up to the Summit, and invites specialized agencies and related organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen and adjust their activities, programmes and medium-term strategies, as appropriate, to take into account the follow-up to the Summit;</p> <p>Para.8: Requests the United Nations system to take action to meet the special needs of Africa and to strengthen the broad range of its engagement in Africa, with a view to intensifying support for poverty eradication and sustainable development, for combating diseases and pandemics and for the process of conflict prevention and the consolidation of democracy;</p> <p>Para.15: Requests the specialized agencies, the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization to keep the General Assembly informed about how they contribute to the implementation of the Millennium Declaration.</p>


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 A/RES/55/216 March 2001	Secretariat EB	No	Ongoing	Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s Para.7: Urges all States, international financial institutions, in particular the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, multilateral organizations and development funds and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to pursue with renewed vigour, and as a matter of urgency, the realization of the goals and objectives embodied in the New agenda; Para.8: Calls upon the United Nations system, as well as other multilateral and bilateral development cooperation institutions, including international financial institutions, and non-governmental organizations, to ensure that development assistance activities in Africa are carried out in a more coordinated manner for greater efficiency, impact and tangible results under the leadership of recipient countries.
A/RES/55/245B 7 August 2001	Secretariat EB	No	Ongoing	Preparation for the substantive preparatory process and the International Conference on Financing for Development Para.6: Invites all relevant stakeholders to continue their active involvement in support of the financing for development preparatory process, including through staff support from the major institutional stakeholders to the financing for development coordinating secretariat, and in this context invites the coordinating secretariat to continue to provide support to the facilitator, including in the preparation of the concise first draft of the outcome document mandated in resolution 55/245A, taking into account the substantive interactive dialogue and all other relevant inputs received by the Preparatory Committee within the framework of the substantive agenda.

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A/RES/55/46 19 Jan. 2001	Secretariat	No	To be determined	<p>Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the Special Session of the General Assembly in this regard</p> <p>Para.4: Invites the Secretary-General, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission for Social Development, the regional commissions, the relevant agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system and other relevant intergovernmental forums, within their respective mandates, to take on a priority basis all steps necessary to ensure the effective implementation of all commitments and undertakings contained in the Copenhagen Declaration and the Programme of Action and in the outcome document of the twenty-fourth special session.</p>
 A/RES/56/155 (draft) 19 Dec. 2001	Secretariat EB	No	Ongoing	<p>The right to food</p> <p>Para.4: Encourages all States to take steps with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of the right to food, including steps to promote the conditions for everyone to be free from hunger and as soon as possible to enjoy fully the right to food, and to elaborate and adopt national plans to combat hunger;</p> <p>Para.6: Urges States to give adequate priority in their development strategies and expenditures to the realization of the right to food;</p> <p>Para.17: Invites Governments, relevant United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, treaty bodies and non-governmental organizations to cooperate fully with the Special Rapporteur in the fulfilment of his mandate, inter alia through the submission of comments and suggestions on ways and means of realizing the right to food.</p>
A/RES/56/201 21 Dec. 2001	Secretariat EB	Yes	ECOSOC 2002/3	<p>Triennial Policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system</p> <p>Para.12: Calls upon the organizations of the United Nations system to strengthen and adapt their strategies and activities and enhance their coordination and collaboration, in order to enhance their supportive role in meeting the commitments, goals and targets of the Millennium Assembly and major United Nations conference, in particular the development and poverty eradication goals and targets;</p>

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Para.13: Encourages the United Nations system to support national efforts to acquire the capacities and infrastructure required to mobilize information and communication technologies and put them at the service of development, and encourages all organizations of the system to collaborate with the recently established United Nations task force on information and Communication technologies;

Para.23: Requests that the establishment of new trust funds by United Nations funds and programmes be done in accordance with their mandates, mission statements and the relevant decision of their governing bodies, and that such new trust funds, to the extent possible, be multi-donor in nature and not detrimental to core or regular resources;

Para.34: Requests the United Nations system to conduct the common country assessment and United Nations Development Assistance Framework processes as efforts to improve support for national development priorities and policies, and stresses that full governmental participation and leadership is required at all stages of these processes;

Para.41: Urges the organizations of the United Nations system to ensure consistency and complementarity of country programmes and other similar instruments used in individual organizations of the system with the approved United Nations Development Assistance framework;

Para.61: Requests the funds and programmes of the United Nations system to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002 a programme of work for full simplification and harmonization in the above-phase out redundant rules and procedures, benchmarks, responsibilities and a timetable to monitor the progress made towards reaching that target;

Para.90: Requests the United Nations system to take appropriate measure to improve the effective incorporation of technical cooperation among developing countries into their programmes and projects, and to intensify efforts towards mainstreaming the modality of technical cooperation among developing countries, including through support for the activities of the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, and encourage other relevant international institutions to take similar measure;



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A/RES/S-26/2 27 June 2001	Secretariat EB	No	Ongoing	<p>Para.92: Invites the executive boards of the United Nations funds and programmes to ensure that the heads of those funds and programmes include in their annual reports to the Economic and Social Council, prepared in accordance with Council resolution 1994/33 of 28 July 1994, a thorough analysis of problems encountered and lessons learned, with emphasis on issues arising from the implementation of the Secretary-General's reform programme, the triennial policy review and the follow-up to the Millennium Declaration and major United Nations conferences, so as to allow the Council to fulfill its coordinating role.</p> <p>Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS</p> <p>Para.44: Support greater action and coordination by all relevant organizations of the United Nations system, including their full participation in the development and implementation of a regularly updated United Nations strategic plan for HIV/AIDS, guided by the principles contained in the present Declaration;</p> <p>Para.45: Support greater cooperation between relevant organizations of the United Nations system and international organizations combating HIV/AIDS;</p> <p>Para.76: Call on all United Nations agencies, regional and international organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations involved with the provision and delivery of international assistance to countries and regions affected by conflicts, humanitarian crises or natural disasters, to incorporate as a matter of urgency HIV/AIDS prevention, care and awareness elements into their plans and programmes and provide HIV/AIDS awareness and training to their personnel.</p>

