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# **ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

## **THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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1. ***Adoption of the agenda.*** The Executive Director has prepared and circulated the provisional agenda (document WFP/EB.3/96/1) which is based on the programme of work of the Executive Board for 1996, approved at its First Regular Session (document WFP/ExB.1/96/4), and decisions taken by the Board at its Second Regular and Annual Sessions. The Board may, by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, amend the agenda by deletion, addition or modification of any item.

The Board may wish to adopt its agenda with any amendments it deems desirable.

2. ***Appointment of the Rapporteur and election of one member of the Bureau .*** The Executive Board may wish to appoint one or more Rapporteur(s) and elect, from among its members, one member of the Bureau.
3. ***Policy matters. Report to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on the follow-up to its resolution 1995/56 - Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:*** Following the provision of an interim report (document CFA 40/9) at the Fortieth Session of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (CFA) on the implementation of ECOSOC resolution 1995/56, the Executive Director submitted a first comprehensive report (document WFP/EB.A/96/7 (Part IV)) at the Executive Board's Annual Session. The purpose of the latter report was to respond to the indicative list of issues contained in the resolution for consideration by the governing bodies of the United Nations entities, specifically those concerning WFP's role and responsibilities.

In response to the Board's request at its Annual Session, the Executive Director is now providing a report (document WFP/EB.3/96/3) which addresses those issues related to WFP's capacity to meet its current mandate, role and operational responsibilities. The report also specifically responds to issues discussed at the Annual Session, and presents an analysis of capacity issues in areas proposed for an expanded WFP role in emergency response.

The Board may wish to comment on this report and provide the Secretariat with guidance on the design of a follow-up response to ECOSOC on the implementation of its resolution.

4. ***Resource and financial matters***
  - a) ***Update of indirect cost rates***

At its Fortieth Session, the CFA requested the Secretariat to carry out a further cost measurement study in 1996 to update the findings of the 1995 study and thus to enable it to apply appropriately adjusted indirect support cost rates to different programme categories during the biennium 1998-99 on the basis of recent levels of actual costs incurred.

The Executive Board will have before it the preliminary findings of the 1996 study (document WFP/EB.3/96/4-A) for consideration and comments.



b) Biennial accounts 1994-95 - Report of the External Auditor

The Executive Board will have before it (in document WFP/EB.3/96/4-B) the Programme's biennial accounts for 1994-95, submitted by the Executive Director in accordance with Financial Regulation 10.1. In line with General Regulation 30 and Financial Regulation 11.9, the Executive Director is also transmitting to the Board, under this agenda item, the report of the External Auditor, along with the audited financial statements. The Executive Director is providing the Board with the comments of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee. These comments are transmitted as addenda to the above document.

c) Report on the work of the WFP Office of Inspection and Investigation (OEDI)

In line with the request of the Executive Board at its Annual Session that reports of the WFP Office of Inspection and Investigation (OEDI) be submitted to it at the time of presentation of the External Auditor's reports, the Executive Director is presenting the first report on the work of that office (document WFP/EB.3/96/4-C). The Board may wish to provide its comments which, together with the report, would be forwarded to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS), as suggested by the Board.

5. *Evaluation and terminal reports*

The following evaluation documents submitted under this item are for the Executive Board's consideration. The Board is requested to take note of the reports and to endorse the Secretariat's plan to integrate the presented recommendations and lessons learned into the future work of WFP.

a) Evaluations of protracted refugee and displaced person projects/operations

Liberia Regional 4604	Programme policy evaluation of the 1990-95 period of the WFP-assisted refugee and displaced persons operations in Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Sierra Leone
Afghanistan 5086 (Exp.2)	Relief and rehabilitation in Afghanistan
Rwanda/Burundi	Desk evaluation of the Rwanda/Burundi emergency operation

b) Thematic and sectoral evaluations

Summary report on the following WFP-assisted projects for the urban poor in Eastern Africa:



Madagascar 4553	Support to the SECALINE expanded nutrition and food security project
Mozambique 4721	Urban basic services in Maputo (pilot project)
Zambia 4756	Safety net for vulnerable groups under structural reform

c) Interim evaluations of development projects

Madagascar 3936	Support to primary education
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6. **Country Strategy Outlines.** The Executive Board's views are invited on the Country Strategy Outlines for Bhutan, Cambodia, Ghana, Tajikistan and Yemen.
7. **Country Programmes.** The Executive Board will have before it, for consideration and approval, the Country Programmes for Bangladesh, Bolivia and Pakistan.
8. **Development Projects**

a) Development projects for Executive Board approval

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the following proposed development projects exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority for approval:

Jordan 5783	Support to participatory land improvement
Mauritania 055 (Exp.7)	Assistance to the basic education sector.

b) Reports submitted by the Executive Director - Projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 January - 30 June 1996

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the summary of project Gambia 2729 (Exp.2) ("Community-based rural development") approved by the Executive Director between 1 January and 30 June 1996 within her delegated authority.

c) Reports submitted by the Executive Director - Budget increases approved by the Executive Director, 1 January - 30 June 1996

A paper providing information on budget increases, approved by the Executive Director between 1 January and 30 June 1996 within her delegated authority, for eight development projects will be submitted under this agenda item.



d) Reports submitted by the Executive Director - Progress reports on approved projects

The Executive Board will have before it, for consideration, the following progress reports on projects which have been in operation for two years or longer:

Bolivia 2801 (Exp.1)	Primary health assistance to areas affected by Chagas's disease
Côte d'Ivoire 3358 (Exp.1)	School feeding programme
Guyana 4889	Multipurpose agricultural and community development
Jordan 2422 (Exp.3)	Development of forestry and rangeland
Lesotho 352 (Exp.8)	Construction, upgrading and maintenance of rural access roads
Mali 2231 (Exp.4)	Rural development
Pakistan 2237 (Exp.3)	Assistance to primary health care
Uganda 2642 (Exp.2)	Assistance to education, health and rural development in Karamoja
Viet Nam 4304	Reforestation in coastal Viet Nam

9. *Protracted refugee and displaced person projects*

a) Projects for Executive Board approval

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the following proposed protracted refugee and displaced person projects exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority for approval:

Cambodia 5483 (Exp.3)	Programme for rehabilitation
Ethiopia 5241 (Exp.2)	Food assistance for Somali, Sudanese, Djiboutian and Kenyan refugees in Ethiopia and Ethiopian returnees from neighbouring countries



Iran 4161 (Exp.4)	Food assistance to Iraqi refugees in Iran
Liberia Regional 4604 (Exp.5)	Targeted food assistance to internally displaced persons in Liberia and Liberian refugees in Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana
Afghanistan Regional	Activities related to Afghanistan and Afghan refugees

b) Protracted refugee and displaced person projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 January - 30 June 1996

Under this item, the Executive Board may wish to consider a summary concerning protracted refugee and displaced person project Mauritania 5413 (Exp.2) ("Food aid to Malian refugees") approved by the Executive Director between 1 January and 30 June 1996 within her delegated authority.

c) Budget increases to protracted refugee and displaced person projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 January - 30 June 1996

A paper providing information on budget increases, approved by the Executive Director between 1 January and 30 June 1996 within her delegated authority, for four protracted refugee and displaced person projects will be submitted under this agenda item.

10. *Personnel and administrative matters*

a) Progress report on gender balance and the changing WFP profile

In accordance with the programme of work of the Executive Board for 1996, approved at its First Regular Session (document WFP/ExB.1/96/4), the Secretariat is submitting a progress report on gender balance and the changing WFP profile (document WFP/EB.3/96/10-A) at this session.

b) Progress report on the state of WFP premises

The Executive Board directed the Secretariat at its Annual Session to negotiate with the Italian authorities with a view to presenting at this session a satisfactory and definitive solution to the current unacceptable state of the WFP premises. A progress report (document WFP/EB.3/96/10-B) is submitted under this item for the Board's consideration and comments.

11. *Outline of the Executive Board programme of work for 1997.* The Executive Board will have before it for approval a provisional programme of work for 1997 (document WFP/EB.3/96/11) based on the Board's programme of work for 1996 (document WFP/ExB.1/96/4), agreed upon at its First Regular Session, and the methods of work adopted at its First and Second Regular Sessions.

12. *Summaries of the work of the Second Regular and the Annual Sessions of 1996 of the Executive Board.* In accordance with the Executive Board's decision at its Second Regular Session on its methods of work, the summaries of the work of the Second Regular and the Annual Sessions of 1996 are submitted for endorsement.



13. ***Other business.*** Delegates and the Executive Director may wish to raise other matters of interest to the Executive Board.
14. ***Verification of the adopted decisions and recommendations.*** Under this item, the Board will have before it a draft document containing all decisions and/or recommendations taken at its current session for verification of their accuracy.



