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## **BUDGET INCREASES TO APPROVED PROJECTS FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVAL**

**Agenda Item 5 b)**

**INFORMATION NOTE FROM THE WFP  
SECRETARIAT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Morocco 2288 (Exp.4)**

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## **Budget Revision and Government Phase-in/WFP Phase-out Strategy**

1. The WFP Secretariat had included project Morocco 2288 (Exp.4) under the scheduled agenda item 5 b) (Budget Revisions) for consideration during the May 1996 Session of the Executive Board. The documents to be considered included the budget revision covering the second tranche of Expansion 4 of project Morocco 2288 and a "Plan for WFP phase-out from school feeding programme", which the Government of Morocco was requested to prepare by the May 1993 Session of the CFA for submission to the May 1995 SCP/CFA Sessions.
2. These documents, prepared as scheduled, were subsequently withdrawn from consideration at the Spring 1995 Sessions of the SCP/CFA, at the request of the Government of Morocco, in order to conclude the completion of an investigation it had launched regarding commodity mismanagement by the local authorities.
3. The WFP Secretariat has decided, with the concurrence, in principle, of the Minister of Education, to defer once more the submission of the CFA-requested documents to the October 1996 session of the Executive Board. This decision was taken in order to enable the completion of a comprehensive audit investigation by an independent commercial audit firm, commissioned by the Minister of Education in November 1995. Its results are expected in May 1996.
4. WFP is satisfied that a number of corrective measures have been taken to improve the project's original design, especially in respect of beneficiary/gender targeting, sustainability, and monitoring and evaluation indicators; it is also satisfied with those measures taken to rectify identified shortcomings in project management staffing structures and systems of commodity management and resource accountability. Nevertheless, it was felt prudent to await the results of the independent commercial audit investigation before the Executive Director recommends the documents to the Executive Board for approval.