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## **DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 1997**

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## **DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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## DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### Agenda

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

*21 January 1997*

### Election of the Bureau of the Executive Board and appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the rules of procedure and methods of work adopted by the Board in 1996, the Executive Board elected Ambassador Louis Dominici (France, list D) as President for a one-year term from the date of election.

The Board elected Mr. Atul Sinha (India, list B) as Vice-President. The representatives of Mauritania, Mr. Melanine Moctar Neche (list A); of El Salvador, Ms. María Eulalia Jiménez (list C); and of Hungary, Ms. Mariann Kovács (list E) were elected members of the Bureau, as representatives of the other three WFP electoral lists.

In keeping with the established methods of work, the Board appointed Ms. Maria Kadleciková (Slovakia) Rapporteur of the First Regular Session of 1997.

*21 January 1997*

1997/EB.1/1

### Re-appointment of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme

Having considered the re-appointment of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme in accordance with paragraph 16(b) of the General Regulations of the Basic Documents of the World Food Programme, the Executive Board decided to recommend to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization that Ms. Catherine Bertini be re-appointed to serve a second term as Executive Director of the World Food Programme.

*21 January 1997*



**1997/EB.1/2 Policy issues - Implications of the World Food Summit Plan of Action for WFP**

The Board endorsed and made the following comments and recommendations on the document presented by the Secretariat (WFP/EB.1/97/3):

The Board decided that the outcome of the World Food Summit must be central to the work of WFP. In the course of a rich debate, the Board affirmed, among others, that WFP focus on the role of women in food security, food purchasing in developing countries and advocacy for the hungry poor were key issues; it also highlighted the importance of inter-agency coordination, within the United Nations system.

On the basis of the discussions held at the present session, the Board requested, for its Third Regular Session (October 1997), a systematic analysis of the objectives established in the Summit Plan of Action and how, within WFP's mandate, its programmes, projects and other activities can contribute to achieving these objectives.

21 January 1997

**1997/EB.1/3 Resource and financial matters: Update of indirect cost rates**

Although several delegations still had questions and concerns on the cost measurement study and the proposed update of indirect support cost rates, the Board endorsed the proposals of the Secretariat, as follows:

- a) The indirect support cost rates, to be applied for the period 1 January 1997 to 31 December 1997, will be as follows:

<b>Indirect Support Cost Rates for 1997</b>	
<b>Programme Category</b>	<b>Rates (percent)</b>
Development/Rehabilitation/Disaster Preparedness	13.9
Protracted Relief Operations	7.1
Emergency Operations	6.0
Special Operations	11.9
<b>Bilateral Services</b>	
Commodity Procurement	4.0
Transport	4.5
Commodity Procurement and Transport	4.3

- b) Any other bilateral services that may be requested will continue to be provided on a full-cost recovery basis. Likewise, the indirect support cost rate for JPOs will remain at the United Nations system-wide standard rate of 12 percent.



- c) The Board indicated that the 1997 cost study should continue the effort to assess and quantify the impact of multilateral contributions and the benefit of readiness as well as review the categorization of costs as direct and indirect. Furthermore, the Secretariat was encouraged to continue improving the process of conducting and presenting the results of the cost study. The Secretariat was requested to submit a comparative table of projected and actual operational as well as support cost expenditures for the years 1994, 1995 and 1996 at the Annual Session of the Board in May 1997. The Secretariat was further requested to submit the proposed rate for 1998 at the Third Regular Session of the Board in 1997 and to adjust the scheduling of the cost study, improve the quality of the work measurement survey, as well as review the methodology to ensure that it is appropriate and corresponds to the needs of WFP.
- d) Furthermore, the Board recommended that, for future sessions, information briefings on financial matters be organized well in advance to ensure an efficient participation of the delegates in the deliberations of the Board.

*22 January 1997*

**1997/EB.1/4 Country Programme - India**

The Board approved the Country Programme for India (WFP/EB.1/97/5/Add.1), endorsing the technical soundness of the document, but expressing concern about the level of resources that might be available through WFP. The Board took note of the preparation of a United Nations System Position Statement, equivalent to a Country Strategy Note (CSN), and invited the country office and the Government to vigilantly monitor priority activities, target groups and project areas as necessary.

*21 January 1997*

**1997/EB.1/5 Development project for Executive Board approval - Nicaragua 4515 (Exp.1)**

The Board approved project Nicaragua 4515 (Exp.1) - Assistance to pre-school and lower primary schoolchildren in depressed areas of Nicaragua (WFP/EB.1/97/6/Add.1) on the understanding that WFP and the Government will develop a strategy for the gradual phasing out of the project.

*22 January 1997*



**1997/EB.1/6      Development project for Executive Board approval -  
Syria 2418 (Exp.4)**

The Board approved project Syria 2418 (Exp.4) - Assistance to reforestation and range land management (WFP/EB.1/97/6/Add.2), noting that it represented the final phase of the project. The Board further stated that, because of the project's potential replicability, it would be interested in reviewing the lessons learned from a final evaluation.

*22 January 1997*

**1997/EB.1/7      Protracted refugee and displaced person project for Executive Board  
approval - PRO Angola 5602 (Exp.1)**

The Board approved PRO Angola 5602 (Exp.1) - Food assistance to displaced and war-affected persons (WFP/EB.1/97/7/Add.1) in the light of suggestions made by the intervening delegations.

*22 January 1997*

**1997/EB.1/8      Evaluation reports**

The Board took note of the following evaluation reports and endorsed the Secretariat's plan to continue integrating the lessons learned into the future work of WFP.

- a) Egypt 3214 - Land development and settlement in the High Dam Lake area (WFP/EB.1/97/8/Add.1). The Board observed that the recommendations concerning environmental assessment and impact were already being acted upon.
- b) India 2303 (Exp.2) - Rural development in the Krishna Basin command area, Karnataka (WFP/EB.1/97/8/Add.2). The Board indicated that the evaluation had provided a useful input to the India Country Programme (WFP/EB.1/97/Add.1).
- c) Tunisia 4783 - Rural development in the mountainous regions of the North-West (WFP/EB.1/97/8/Add.3). The Board noted that many of the recommendations were already being implemented.

The Board decided that in future Executive Board sessions, evaluation items will be put on the agenda before discussion of new programmes, projects and operations.

*22 January 1997*



**1997/EB.1/9 Progress reports on approved development projects**

The Board took note of the progress report on project Panama 2796 (Exp.1) - Community development and food production in depressed areas (WFP/EB.1/97/9-A/Add.1), which had been in operation for two years or longer, and observed that the project will end on 31 December 1997.

*22 January 1997*

**1997/EB.1/10 Projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 July-31 December 1996**

The Board took note of the abstracts concerning the following projects approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority:

Bangladesh 2197 (Exp.10) - Rural development programme (WFP/EB.1/97/9-B/Add.5)

Egypt 5586 - Support to natural resource management in the North-western desert (WFP/EB.1/97/9-B/Add.2)

Gaza 5761/Q - Support to social safety net programmes in the Gaza Strip (WFP/EB.1/97/9-B/Add.1)

Malawi 5782 - Enhanced food security through targeted food for work (WFP/EB.1/97/9-B/Add.3)

Zaire 5732 - Food security in Kinshasa (WFP/EB.1/97/9-B/Add.4)

*22 January 1997*

**1997/EB.1/11 Protracted refugee and displaced person projects (PROs) approved by the Executive Director, 1 July - 31 December 1996**

The Board took note of the abstracts on the following PROs approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority:

Algeria 4155 (Exp.6) - Food assistance to vulnerable groups among western Saharan refugees (WFP/EB.1/97/9-C/Add.1)

Bangladesh 5329 (Exp.1) - Assistance to Myanmar refugees (WFP/EB.1/97/9-C/Add.4)

Djibouti 4960 (Exp.2) - Food assistance to Ethiopian and Somali refugees and returnees from Ethiopia (WFP/EB.1/97/9-C/Add.5)

Sri Lanka 5346 (Exp.3) - Assistance to Sri Lankan internally displaced persons (WFP/EB.1/97/9-C/Add.2)

Yemen 5771 - Food assistance for Somali refugees (WFP/EB.1/97/9-C/Add.3)

Zambia 5428 (Exp.2) - Food assistance for refugees from Angola and Zaire (WFP/EB.1/97/9-C/Add.6)

*22 January 1997*



**1997/EB.1/12 Budget increases approved by the Executive Director,  
1 July-31 December 1996**

- a) The Board took note of the approval of budget increases for the development projects listed in the report by the Executive Director (WFP/EB.1/97/9-D):
- Madagascar 3936 - Primary school feeding
  - Mali 2231 (Exp.4) - Multipurpose rural development
  - Zambia 4756 - Vulnerable group feeding and institutional feeding
  - Sri Lanka 4521 - Improvements of minor irrigation schemes in four selected districts
  - Guyana 4889 - Multipurpose agricultural and community development project
  - Yemen 2453 (Exp.3) - Assistance to MCH centres
  - Yemen 4695 - Assistance to schools, institutes and kindergarten
- b) The Board took note of the approval of budget increases for the PROs listed in the report by the Executive Director (WFP/EB.1/97/9-D/Add.1):
- Djibouti 4960 (Exp.1) - Food aid to Ethiopian and Somali refugees
  - Mauritania 5413 (Exp.2) - Food aid to Malian refugees
  - Bangladesh 5329 - Assistance to Rohingya refugees from Myanmar
  - Iran 4161 (Exp.3) - Food assistance to Iraqi refugees

*22 January 1997*

**1997/EB.1/13 Summary of the work of the Third Regular Session of 1996 of the Executive Board**

The Board endorsed the Summary of the work of the Third Regular Session (WFP/EB.3/96/15) of the Executive Board and agreed to incorporate in the Summary of discussion of the current session the specific comments submitted in writing by the representative of the Netherlands.

*23 January 1997*

**1997/EB.1/14 Other business**

The Board recalled and then reaffirmed its decision on the Progress report on the state of WFP premises (1996/EB.3/31, 23 October 1996). It considered the efforts made by the Government of Italy in order to comply with the requirements of WFP. It also requested the Secretariat to keep the Board informed of any further developments on this matter.

*23 January 1997*





**ANNEX I**

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**AGENDA**

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2. *Election of the Bureau of the Executive Board and appointment of the Rapporteur*
3. *Policy issues - Implications of the World Food Summit Plan of Action for WFP*
4. *Resource and Financial matters: Update of indirect cost rates*
5. *Country Programmes*
6. *Development projects for Executive Board approval*
7. *Protracted refugee and displaced person projects for Executive Board approval*
8. *Evaluation reports*
9. *Reports submitted by the Executive Director*
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## ANNEX II

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4	Update of indirect cost rates	WFP/EB.1/97/4
5	Country programmes (covering note)	WFP/EB.1/97/5
	- India	WFP/EB.1/97/5/Add.1 + Corr.1
6	Development projects for Executive Board approval (covering note)	WFP/EB.1/97/6
	- Nicaragua 4515 (Exp.1)	WFP/EB.1/97/6/Add.1
	- Syria 2418 (Exp.4)	WFP/EB.1/97/6/Add.2 + Corr.1
7	Protracted refugee and displaced person projects for Executive Board approval (covering note)	WFP/EB.1/97/7
	- Angola 5602 (Exp.1)	WFP/EB.1/97/7/Add.1
8	Evaluation reports (covering note)	WFP/EB.1/97/8
	- Terminal evaluation of project Egypt 3214	WFP/EB.1/97/8/Add.1
	- Interim evaluation of project India 2303 (Exp.2)	WFP/EB.1/97/8/Add.2
	- Interim evaluation of project Tunisia 4783	WFP/EB.1/97/8/Add.3
9 a)	Progress reports on approved projects (covering note)	WFP/EB.1/97/9-A
	- Panama 2796 (Exp.1)	WFP/EB.1/97/9-A/Add.1
9 b)	Projects approved by the Executive Director (covering note)	WFP/EB.1/97/9-B + Corr.1
	- Gaza 5761/Q	WFP/EB.1/97/9-B/Add.1
	- Egypt 5586	WFP/EB.1/97/9-B/Add.2
	- Malawi 5782	WFP/EB.1/97/9-B/Add.3
	- Zaire 5732	WFP/EB.1/97/9-B/Add.4
	- Bangladesh 2197 (Exp.10)	WFP/EB.1/97/9-B/Add.5



Provisional agenda item	Title of documents	Document symbol
9 c)	Protracted refugee and displaced person projects approved by the Executive Director (covering note)	WFP/EB.1/97/9-C
	- Algeria 4155 (Exp.6)	WFP/EB.1/97/9-C/Add.1
	- Sri Lanka 5346 (Exp.3)	WFP/EB.1/97/9-C/Add.2
	- Yemen 5771	WFP/EB.1/97/9-C/Add.3 + Corr.1
	- Bangladesh 5329 (Exp.1)	WFP/EB.1/97/9-C/Add.4
	- Djibouti 4960 (Exp.2)	WFP/EB.1/97/9-C/Add.5
	- Zambia 5428 (Exp.2)	WFP/EB.1/97/9-C/Add.6
9 d)	Budget increases to development projects approved by the Executive Director (covering note only)	WFP/EB.1/97/9-D + Corr.1
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	Revised list of participants	WFP/EB.1/97/INF/5/Rev.1
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	Calendar of conferences and meetings of interest to WFP (January-December 1997)	WFP/EB.1/97/INF/8
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	Information note on indirect support cost rates	WFP/EB.1/97/INF/10



## ANNEX III

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