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# ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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### **ADDENDUM**



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## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. Bearing in mind the view of the Working Group on the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board that the final document presented to the Board for adoption should be comprehensive and self-contained, the Legal Counsel has advised that a detailed definition of "defective ballot" should be added to the text of Rule IX, Decision-making, of the Draft Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme.

2. The Chairperson of the Working Group, in consultation with the other members of the Working Group, therefore, hereby proposes the following amendment to the document:

#### **Rule IX: Decision-making**

- 3. At the end of paragraph 14, add the following sub-paragraph:
  - "e) (i) Any ballot paper carrying votes for more candidates than there are vacancies to be filled, or carrying a vote for an individual or nation not validly nominated, shall be considered defective.
    - (ii) In the case of an election to fill simultaneously more than one elective place any ballot paper carrying votes for less candidates than there are vacancies to be filled shall also be considered defective.
    - (iii) The ballot paper shall carry no other notation or mark than those required for the purpose of indicating the vote.
    - (iv) Subject to (i), (ii) and (iii) above, a ballot paper shall be considered valid when there is no doubt as to the intention of the elector."

