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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1

For approval



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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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- 1. *Adoption of the agenda.* Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, the Executive Director hereby presents, **for approval**, the Provisional Annotated Agenda of the Third Regular Session of 2001. During the session, the Board may, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, amend the agenda by deletion, addition or modification of any item.
- 2. *Appointment of the Rapporteur*. Pursuant to Rule XII and in keeping with the established methods of work, the Board may appoint a Rapporteur from among the representatives.
- 3. *Current and future strategic issues.* Under this item, the Executive Director will provide an oral presentation on strategic issues facing the Programme, **for the Board's consideration.**
- 4. Policy issues
 - a) <u>Results-based Management</u>*

Following a request made at its Third Regular Session, 2000, the Board will have before it, **for information**, a document describing progress made in designing and implementing results-based management (RBM) in support of the governance tools approved by the Board in 2000. The paper will also outline the planned steps to implement RBM by 2004.

b) Follow-up to the Millennium Declaration^{*}

Pursuant to decision 2001/EB.1/1, the Board will have before it, **for information**, a document on WFP's follow-up to the Millennium Declaration, and especially on WFP's role in the World Food Summit Five Years Later, and the outcome of the World Children's Summit.

c) <u>Review of the Guidelines for the Meetings of the Executive Board</u>

At its First Regular Session, 2001, the Board approved the Guidelines for the Meetings of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (WFP/EB.1/2001/4-C), while requesting that a number of modifications be made in time for the guidelines to be assessed at the Third Regular Session, 2001. Accordingly, the Board will have before it, **for consideration**, a document containing the modified Guidelines for the Meetings of the Executive Board. The Board should decide what, if any, further changes need to be made.

^{*} In accordance with the Executive Board's decisions on governance, approved at the Annual and Third Regular Sessions, 2000, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it, well in advance of the meeting, and the Chair accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Boards' time.



5. Financial and budgetary matters

a) <u>Second Progress Report on the Implementation of Recommendations in the</u> <u>1998–1999 Audit Report of the External Auditor</u>^{*}

The Executive Director will present to the Board, **for information**, specific responses to recommendations made by the External Auditor in his 1998–1999 audit report, as well as actions that were taken during the biennium or that will be taken in the future.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and the FAO Finance Committee.

b) Appointment of the External Auditor of WFP for 2002–2005: Final Report of the Evaluation Panel

In accordance with Financial Regulations 14.1 and 14.2, which require that the Board appoint the WFP External Auditor for a four-year term, and that the Auditor's reappointment not exceed one additional term, the Board will have before it, **for approval**, the final report on the selection process and recommendations for the appointment.

The report of the Evaluation Panel for the Selection and Appointment of WFP's External Auditor has been prepared in compliance with the Board decisions approving the procedures for the selection and appointment of the WFP External Auditor (WFP/EB.1/1998/4-A), and on the rating system of the criteria for the selection and appointment of the WFP External Auditor (WFP/EB.A/2000/5-A).

The Board will also have before it the comments and recommendations of the FAO Finance Committee and the ACABQ.

c) WFP Biennial Budget for the Period 2002–2003

In accordance with the provisions contained in General Regulation XIV.6, the Executive Director will submit to the Board, **for approval**, the WFP Biennial Budget for the financial period 2002–2003. In drawing up the budget proposals, the Executive Director has taken into account the guidance provided by the Board in relation to the Strategic and Financial Plan (2002–2005).

Pursuant to General Regulation XIV.4 and Financial Regulation 9.1, the Executive Director has forwarded the document for review to the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee. Their comments and recommendations will also be submitted to the Board.

d) <u>WFP Information Network and Global System (WINGS) for Cost Analysis and Cost</u> <u>Containment</u>^{*}

The Executive Director will present to the Board, **for information**, a brief report on how the new information system, WFP's Information Network and Global System (WINGS), will enable the management and accounting of full cost recovery as anticipated in the Resources and Long-term Financing (R<F) policies.

The Board will also have before it the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

6. *Evaluation reports.* Evaluation documents submitted under this item are presented to the Board **for consideration.** The Board is requested to note the reports and the associated information notes summarizing the action taken so far by management in implementing the recommendations. The evaluation reports for the Country Programmes of Bolivia, Haiti,



Mali and Zambia will be considered in parallel with the Country Strategy Outlines for those countries.

- ♦ East Timor Emergency Operations
- ♦ Sudan PRO 04168.5 and PRRO 06189.0 (WIS nos. 4168.05 and 6189.00)
- ♦ Project Cameroon 04387.1 (WIS no. 4387.01)
- ♦ Country Programme Bolivia (1997–2001)
- ♦ Country Programme Haiti (1998–2002)
- ♦ Country Programme Mali (1998–2002)
- ♦ Country Programme Zambia (1998–2002)

Operational matters

- 7. *Country Strategy Outlines.* The Executive Board's views are invited on the following documents, submitted **for consideration:**
 - ◊ Bolivia
 - ♦ Haiti
 - ♦ Mali
 - ◊ Zambia
- 8. *Country Programmes.* The Executive Board's views are invited on the following documents, submitted **for approval:**
 - ♦ Egypt (2002–2006)
 - ♦ Ghana (2001–2005)
 - ♦ Honduras (2002–2006)
 - ♦ India (2003–2007)
 - ♦ Malawi (2002–2006)
 - ♦ Mozambique (2002–2006)
 - ♦ Senegal (2002–2006)
 - ♦ Sri Lanka (2002–2006)
 - ♦ Sudan (2002–2006)

9. Projects for Executive Board approval

a) Development project

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following development project exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

- ♦ Syria 10070.0
- b) Protracted relief and recovery operations

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following protracted relief and recovery operations exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority:

♦ Sri Lanka 10067.0 (WIS no. 6152.01)



- ♦ West Africa Coastal 10064.0 (WIS no. 6271.00)
- ◊ Zambia 10071.0
- 10. Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters (1 January-30 June 2001)
 - a) <u>Development projects approved by the Executive Director</u>*

The Executive Board will have before it, **for information**, summaries of the following development projects approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority:

- ♦ Cameroon 10031.0
- ♦ Rwanda 10076.0
- b) Protracted relief and recovery operations approved by the Executive Director

The Executive Board will have before it, **for information**, summaries of the following protracted relief and recovery operation approved by the Executive Director within her delegated authority.

- ♦ Bangladesh 10045.0 (WIS no. 6155.02)
- ♦ Myanmar 10066.0
- ♦ Zambia 10051.0 (WIS no. 6134.02)

11. Organizational and procedural matters

a) Provisional Programme of Work 2002–2003

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure, the Board will have before it, **for consideration and approval**, the Provisional Programme of Work of the Executive Board for the period 2002–2003. In accordance with its decisions 2000/EB.A/6 and 2000/EB.3/1, during the review of the Provisional Programme of Work, the Board should also:

- ◊ consider the case for an occasional symposium on food aid;
- identify subjects that would benefit from being handled through an informal consultation before they were brought to the Board for decision;
- \diamond look back on its operations over the previous 12 months; and
- decide whether pre-session briefings should be arranged for the following year, and if so, on which subjects.
- b) Status Report on Decentralization

In response to requests by the Executive Board and its Bureau, the Secretariat will present to the Board, **for consideration**, a report on the status of implementation of WFP's decentralization initiative. Following on similar reports presented to the Annual Session in May 1997 (WFP/EB.A/97/5-B) and the First Regular Session in February 1999 (WFP/EB.1/99/3-B), this report:

- highlights WFP's main achievements in decentralization since the previous updates;
- ◊ discusses efforts to achieve corporate buy-in to the principle of decentralization;
- points out the opportunities and remaining challenges decentralization presents; and



♦ analyses the main impacts of decentralization on the way WFP does business.

The report concludes with a section on next steps.

- 12. Summaries of the Work of the Second Regular and Annual Sessions of the Executive Board, 2001. In accordance with the Executive Board's decision at its Second Regular Session in 1996 on its methods of work, the Summaries of the Work of the Second Regular and Annual Sessions of 2001 will be submitted for endorsement.
- 13. *Other business.* Representatives and the Executive Director may wish to raise further matters of interest to the Executive Board.
- 14. *Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations.* The Executive Board will have before it a draft document containing all decisions and/or recommendations taken at its current session, for verification of their accuracy.

