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- 1. Five Country Strategy Outlines (CSOs) are presented to the 1996 Third Regular Session of the Executive Board: Bhutan, Cambodia, Ghana, Tajikistan and Yemen. In accordance with the discussions held during the Fortieth Session of the CFA, the Executive Board will offer guidance on the strategic focus of these CSOs. It is anticipated that Country Programme Documents, developed from these CSOs, will be submitted to the Executive Board within one year's time.
- 2. All the countries for which CSOs are presented are classified as 'low-income, food-deficit' (LIFDC). Three of the countries are also classified as 'least developed' (LDC).
- 3. All five documents have been discussed with United Nations agencies and with the relevant Governments. Bilateral donors were also consulted. Each CSO gives priority attention to harmonizing itself with Country Strategy Notes (CSN), or, where no CSN is available, collaborating with other United Nations or aid agencies.
- 4. The five CSOs presented here provide an indication of WFP's programming strategies up to 2000 or 2001.
- 5. Gender issues are given priority attention in each of the CSOs.
- 6. An information paper, outlining a list of planned CSOs and Country Programmes, has been prepared for general circulation at this Executive Board session.