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Annotated provisional agenda

1. *Adoption of the agenda*

Pursuant to Rule III of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board the Executive Director hereby presents, **for decision**, the annotated provisional agenda for the 2025 annual session of the Board. During the session the Board may, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, amend the agenda by the deletion, addition or modification of any item.

2. *Election for one vacant position on the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur*

The Board will elect one Bureau member for List C to replace a representative who has departed from Rome.

Pursuant to Rule XII of its Rules of Procedures and in keeping with its established methods of work, the Board may appoint a Rapporteur from among the representatives participating in the session.

3. *Opening remarks by the Executive Director, including an overview of current and future opportunities and challenges for WFP*

Under this item the Executive Director will make an oral presentation to the Board on current and future strategic issues facing WFP.

4. *Annual reports*

a) Annual performance report for 2024

General Rule VII.2 states: "Each year the Executive Director shall submit to the Board **for decision** an annual report and other reports as directed by the Board." Governance recommendation (h), approved by the Board at its third regular session in 2000 (decision 2000/EB.3/1 – Follow-up to Executive Board Decision 2000/EB.A/6 on Governance), states: "An Annual Performance Report should be developed" based on the biennial management plan previously approved.

The annual performance report for 2024 aims to present a relevant and evidence-based analysis of WFP's performance, reflecting the commitments made for the year as defined in the strategic and management plans.

5. *Policy issues*

a) Localization policy

Further to the discussions held by the Board at its 2023 second regular session with regard to the policy gaps, the Secretariat will present a localization policy **for decision** by the Board.

b) Amendment to the WFP evaluation policy 2022

As a result of the organizational changes and the implementation of a “one global headquarters” model, some amendments to the WFP evaluation policy 2022 will be presented to the Board **for its decision**.

c) Update on WFP’s role in the collective humanitarian response (2024)

This document provides an overview of WFP’s role in the collective humanitarian response during the last year, flags trends and challenges affecting WFP’s response and highlights implications for WFP. This item will be presented to the Board **for information**.

d) Update on WFP’s implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system)

As agreed by the Bureau at its 10 February 2022 meeting, the Secretariat will provide an annual update to the Board on the implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279, on repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda. The update will be presented **for information**.

6. *Financial and budgetary matters*

a) Audited annual accounts, 2024

The audited annual accounts present a full set of financial statements and notes for 2024. They also contain a review by the External Auditor of the financial statements, which provides an independent assessment for the Secretariat and the Board of the management controls on which the Secretariat has relied for the preparation of the annual financial statements. The two performance audit reports of the External Auditor and the report on the implementation of the External Auditor’s recommendations have been consolidated into the audited annual accounts, in line with the new approach agreed with the External Auditor at the Bureau meeting of 6 March 2024. This item will be presented to the Board **for decision**.

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

b) Update to the WFP management plan (2025-2027)

Further to the approval of the WFP management plan (2025–2027) at the 2024 second regular session of the Board, a first update to that plan will be submitted to the Board **for its decision**. It will include an update on the contribution forecast, the operational requirements and the implementation plan for 2025.

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

- c) Report on the utilization of WFP's strategic financing mechanisms (1 January–31 December 2024)

The report covers use of the Immediate Response Account and the Working Capital Financing Facility from 1 January to 31 December 2024. This item will be presented to the Board **for decision**.

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

- d) Report of the Executive Director on contributions, reductions and waivers of costs under General Rule XIII.4 (f) in 2024

In accordance with General Rule XIII.4 (f), this report is submitted to the Executive Board **for information** and provides a summary of contributions that do not achieve full cost recovery received from governments of developing countries, countries with economies in transition and other non-traditional donors (General Rule XIII.4 (c)); contributions with reductions or waivers of indirect support costs and, where applicable, direct support costs of an activity or activities (General Rule XIII.4 (d)) and; contributions from governments of developing countries and countries with economies in transition with a reduced indirect support cost rate as set by the Board (General Rule XIII.4 (e)).

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

7. ***Oversight functions***

- a) Appointment of one member to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

The Board will appoint one member to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee on the basis of the recommendations by the selection panel. This item will be presented to the Board **for decision**.

- b) Annual report of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

At its 2009 first regular session, the Board endorsed the creation of the WFP Audit Committee as a body reporting to the Board and the Executive Director. At the 2021 second regular session of the Board, the title was changed to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee in recognition of its revised terms of reference. This annual report will cover the activities of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The closing date coincides with the finalization of the annual financial statements, a prime focus area of the Committee for the period under review. This item will be presented to the Board **for decision**.

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

- c) Annual report of the Inspector General and note by the Executive Director

In accordance with Article VI (2) (b) (viii) of the WFP General Regulations, the Board is provided with a report of the Inspector General on oversight activities.

This report covering 2024 provides the oversight perspective regarding WFP's governance, risk management and control and provides overviews of the activities of the Office of the Inspector General, the Office of Internal Audit and the Office of Inspections and Investigations. The report is submitted together with a note by the Executive Director. The two items will be presented to the Board **for decision**.

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

d) Management review of significant risk and control issues, 2024

The Secretariat will provide further description and analysis of the significant risk and control matters which have been highlighted in the 2024 Executive Director's Statement on Internal Control available in the audited annual accounts for 2024, and which have been prioritized for attention in 2025. The analysis will draw on the review of feedback provided by global management in the 2024 Executive Director Assurance Exercise and references evidence from internal oversight bodies. This item will be presented to the Board **for decision**.

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

e) Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2024

The annual report of the Ethics Office will be presented to the Board **for decision**. The report will cover the work of the Ethics Office in each area of its mandate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024 and will provide information about its activities.

f) Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsperson and Mediation Services for 2024 and management note

The annual report of the Office of the Ombudsperson and Mediation Services will be presented to the Board **for decision**. The report will cover the work of the Office of the Ombudsperson and Mediation Services in each area of its mandate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024 and will provide information about its activities.

g) Evaluation reports

1. Annual evaluation report for 2024 and management response

The annual evaluation report provides an overview of centralized and decentralized evaluations completed, conducted and planned. It examines the performance of the WFP evaluation function and highlights areas for attention in coming years. This item will be presented to the Board **for decision**.

2. Summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's support for refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants and management response

This strategic evaluation is expected to provide an independent assessment and generate lessons from WFP's current organizational arrangements and performance to assist and protect refugees, internally displaced people and migrants. This item will be presented to the Board **for decision**.

3. Summary report of the synthesis on evaluations of WFP's engagement in middle-income countries (2019–2024) and management response

This report will bring together evidence from completed evaluations of the WFP roles, responsibilities and results in middle income contexts. This item will be presented to the Board **for decision**.

4. Summary report on the corporate emergency evaluation of WFP's response in Ukraine and management response

WFP corporate emergency evaluations assess WFP emergency responses in order to provide evaluation evidence and learning related to WFP's performance and to provide accountability for results to WFP stakeholders, including affected populations. This corporate emergency evaluation report will provide an analysis and assessment of WFP's response in Ukraine. This item will be presented to the Board **for decision**.

h) Summary evaluation reports on country strategic plans and management responses

The evaluations provide an analysis and assessment of all WFP activities comprising the country strategic plans. They evaluate the performance and results and provide evaluative insights to make evidence-based decisions about positioning WFP, strategic partnerships, programme design, and implementation. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office's subsequent strategic plan and programme implementation. Summary evaluation reports and management responses will be presented, **for decision**, for the following country strategic plans and interim country strategic plans:

1. Ethiopia (2020–2025) — ITEM POSTPONED TO THE 2025 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

i) Workplan of the External Auditor

This document presents the workplan of the External Auditor, detailing the audit activities for the period 2025–2026. Adherence to international standards on auditing and proven audit methods will form the basis of the External Auditor's assurance of providing high-quality services to WFP. The workplan covers financial, performance and compliance audits as well as quality reviews and individual audit assessments. This item will be presented to the Board **for information**.

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

8. **Operational matters**

a) Country strategic plans

The Board will have before it, **for decision**, the following country strategic plans:

1. Ethiopia (2025–2030) — ITEM POSTPONED TO THE 2025 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

2. Rwanda (2025–2029) — ITEM POSTPONED TO THE 2025 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

b) Oral global overview of humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities*

An oral global overview on humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities will be presented to the Board **for information**.

c) Report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board

A report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board will be presented to the Board **for information**.

d) Update on the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service*

At the request of the Bureau, an update on the operations and activities of the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service will be presented to the Board **for information**.

* Items marked with an asterisk are to be presented for information only but will nevertheless be discussed during the session

e) Report on global losses for the period 1 January–31 December 2024

The Executive Director will submit to the Board, **for information**, a report on food losses incurred prior to and after delivery in recipient countries.

At its 2000 annual session the Board “encouraged the Secretariat to take all necessary measures to ensure that losses were further reduced and seek monetary reimbursement from those governments which had lost commodities through negligence”. The report describes the measures taken by WFP to keep pre- and post delivery losses to a minimum between 1 January and 31 December 2024. It makes specific mention of the largest losses, both in terms of absolute and proportional net cost.

f) Update on food procurement

At the Board’s 2006 first regular session Board members asked WFP to report more regularly on food procurement activities as a follow-up to the policy outlined in the document entitled “Food Procurement in Developing Countries” (WFP/EB.1/2006/5-C). This report, presented **for information**, provides: i) statistics on food procurement; ii) an update on food procurement capacity; and iii) an analysis of the interplay between local, regional and international procurement. In accordance with General Rule XII.4, the report will also cover the use of unrestricted cash resources to purchase commodities in developing countries.

g) Security report*

At its 2007 second regular session, the Board requested that the WFP security report be shared with Board members. This document presents an analysis of significant security incidents involving WFP staff, assets and partners in 2024 along with statistical data on geographical distribution and types of security incidents. This item will be presented to the Board **for information**.

9. ***Organizational and administrative matters***

a) Annual update on progress in implementing the recommendations from the strategic evaluation on WFP’s work on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse

Further to the consideration by the Board of the strategic evaluation of WFP’s work on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse at its 2024 annual session, the Secretariat will provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations. This item will be presented to the Board **for decision**.

b) Appointment of one Executive Board member to the selection panel for the appointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee members

Further to the departure from Rome of the representative of List D on the selection panel for the appointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee members, a new member will be proposed by List D for approval by the Board. This item will be presented to the Board **for decision**.

c) Exception to General Rule VI.1 with regard to the submission of the strategic plan to the annual session of the Board

Further to the approval of the biennial programme of work at the 2024 second regular session of the Board and with a view to further formalizing the decision made to postpone the presentation of the strategic plan for 2026–2029 to the 2025 second regular session, this item will introduce an exception to General Rule VI.1 to the Board **for its decision**.

d) Appointment of the Inspector General and Director of the Oversight Office

The Executive Director will present her plan for the appointment of the Inspector General and Director of the Oversight Office. This item will be presented to the Board **for its decision**.

e) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2025–2026)

Further to a request by the Board at its third regular session in 2004, an updated version of the biennial programme of work (2025–2026) will be presented **for information**.

f) Address by staff representative bodies to the Board

As per procedure established in 2012, staff representative bodies will present their address to the Board on questions of interest to the organization and its staff.

g) Statistical report on international professional staff and higher categories at 31 December 2024

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a report outlining WFP staffing as at 31 December 2024. It provides the number of international professional and higher category staff holding indefinite, continuing or fixed term (one year or more) appointments and junior professional officers and United Nations volunteers participating in WFP activities. The report also provides statistics on the geographical distribution of WFP international professional and higher category staff.

10. Reports of the Executive Board sessions

a) Decisions and recommendations of the 2025 annual session of the Executive Board

The Board will have before it a draft document containing all decisions and recommendations taken at its current session, for verification of their accuracy.

b) Summary of the work of the 2025 first regular session of the Executive Board

In accordance with the Board's decision at its 1996 second regular session on its methods of work, the summary of work of the 2025 first regular session is submitted **for decision**.