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For decision

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

Draft decision*

The Board:

- i) *recalls* its decision 2024/EB.2/5 approving the biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2025–2026), which provided that the WFP strategic plan (2026–2029) would be considered at the second regular session of 2025;
- ii) *notes* that the current WFP strategic plan (2022–2025) will be in effect until December 2025;
- iii) *decides* to make an exception to General Rule VI.1 by which the WFP strategic plan should be submitted at its annual session and looks forward to considering the document for approval at its 2025 second regular session.

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1. In September 2024, the WFP Secretariat approached the Executive Board Bureau with a proposal that the presentation of the strategic plan for 2026–2029 be postponed from the 2025 annual session to the 2025 second regular session in order to allow sufficient time for extensive stakeholder consultations. At its October 2024 meeting, the Bureau endorsed the proposal and accordingly, the strategic plan for 2026–2029 was scheduled for presentation at the 2025 second regular session in the biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2025–2026),¹ which was approved by the Board at its 2024 second regular session.
2. Given that General Rule VI.1 states that “[t]he Executive Director shall submit every four years to the Annual Session of the Board a Strategic Plan that will cover the following four years, with a mid-term review as necessary. [...]” 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, the Board is requested to approve an exception to General Rule VI.1, as described in the draft decision above.

¹ “Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2025–2026)” (WFP/EB.2/2024/8-A).