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Adoption of the Agenda

For approval

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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 approval**, the Provisional Annotated Agenda of the First Regular Session of 2017. 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. *Opening Remarks by the Executive Director*

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*

➤ Annual Performance Report for 2016

General Rule VII.2 states: “Each year the Executive Director shall submit to the Board **for its consideration and approval** 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 2016 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) Update on the Integrated Road Map

Following the approval of the Integrated Road Map (IRM) at the Second Regular Session of 2016, the Secretariat will present an update on the implementation of the different components of the IRM and will report on progress and on any needed adjustments. This item is presented to the Board **for approval**.

b) Update on WFP's Role in the Collective Humanitarian Response

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 is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

c) Implementation Plan of the Nutrition Policy

Following the approval of the Nutrition Policy at the First Regular Session of the Executive Board in 2017, the Secretariat will present to the Board its plan and budgetary requirements for implementing this policy over the five coming years. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

d) Update on the Gender Policy

When approving the Gender Policy (2015–2020) at its Annual Session in 2015, the Board requested that annual updates on implementation be presented. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

e) Update on WFP's Response to HIV and AIDS*

The document gives a progress report on the implementation of WFP's HIV and AIDS Policy (WFP/EB.2/2010/4-A) in the context of continued scaling-up of treatment with anti-retroviral drugs. It also describes recent successes in integrating food and nutrition into Global Fund proposals related to HIV and tuberculosis. This item is presented to the Board **for information**.*

6. *Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters*

a) Audited Annual Accounts, 2016

The Audited Annual Accounts present a full set of financial statements and notes for 2016. 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 annual financial statements. This item is presented to the Board **for approval**.

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

b) Policy for Disclosure of Oversight Reports

The current "Policy for Disclosure of Oversight Reports" was approved by the Board in November 2012. In May 2015, the Board approved the revised Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption (AFAC) Policy, which authorized the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to undertake proactive integrity reviews (PIRs) on specific operational issues that may indicate risk of fraud, corruption, collusion or other wrongdoing. The Board then requested the Inspector General and management to update the disclosure policy to include PIRs. This item is presented to the Board **for approval**.

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

c) Appointment of Two Members to the Audit Committee

The terms of two members of the Audit Committee come to an end in 2017; a panel will be set up as per the Audit Committee terms of reference to select new members and submit its recommendations to the Executive Director and the President of the Board. This document will present the recommendations to the Board **for approval**.

* In accordance with the Board's decisions on governance approved at the Annual Session and Third Regular Session of 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 Board's time.

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

d) Revised Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee

The current Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee were approved by the Board at its Second Regular Session of 2011. Recent strengthening of oversight activities at WFP and changes to the organizational structure and corporate travel policy require that some adjustments be made to these Terms of Reference. This document presents the required adjustments **for approval** by the Board.

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 Audit Committee

At its First Regular Session in 2009, the Board endorsed the creation of the WFP Audit Committee as an independent advisory body reporting to the Board and the Executive Director. This annual report will cover the activities of the Audit Committee from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017. 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 is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

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

f) 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 2016 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. This document is submitted together with a Note by the Executive Director. Both documents are presented to the Board **for consideration**.

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

g) Report of the External Auditor on Decentralization and WFP Management Response to the Recommendations

This report presents the results of an external audit of the decentralization carried out by WFP from 2012 until the end of 2016. The primary aim of the audit was to determine whether management of the area examined complied with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness and whether there is scope for improvement; and whether the activities, financial transactions and information were, in all material respects, compliant with the provisions of the WFP basic texts.

The Secretariat's response to the report's recommendations is also presented. Both documents are presented to the Board **for consideration**.

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

h) Report of the External Auditor on Changes in Human Resources and WFP Management Response to the Recommendations

This report presents the results of an external audit of the developments in and the structure of human resources between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2016. The primary aim of the audit was to determine whether management of the area examined complied with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness and whether there is scope for improvement; and whether the activities, financial transactions and information were, in all material respects, compliant with the provisions of the WFP basic texts.

The Secretariat's response to the report's recommendations is also presented. Both documents are presented to the Board **for consideration**.

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

i) Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations

This report summarizes actions taken by the Secretariat to implement the External Auditor's recommendations. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

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

j) Report on the Utilization of WFP's Advance Financing Mechanisms (1 January–31 December 2016)

The report covers use of the Immediate Response Account and the Working Capital Financing Facility, including the Forward Purchase Facility, from 1 January to 31 December 2016. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

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

k) Report of the Executive Director on the Utilization of Contributions and Waivers of Costs (General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (h))*

In accordance with General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4(h), this document is submitted to the Board **for information**. It covers the use of unrestricted cash resources to purchase commodities, contributions of commodities or services only from governments of developing countries, countries with economies in transition and other non-traditional donors, and reductions or waivers for indirect support costs in respect to any contribution in kind to cover direct support costs.

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

7. *Evaluation Reports*

a) Annual Evaluation Report, 2016 and Management Response

The Annual Evaluation Report summarizes the findings of evaluations completed in the previous year to highlight common areas of strength and identify opportunities for systemic improvements for enhancing WFP's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability. It also provides an account of the evaluation function at WFP. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

b) Summary Evaluation Report of the Corporate Partnership Strategy and Management Response

In line with the agreement that WFP policies be evaluated between four and six years following approval, this evaluation will assess the quality of the WFP Corporate Partnership Strategy approved in 2014, its implementation arrangements and results. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

c) Implementation Status of Evaluation Recommendations

This document presents the annual status report on the implementation of the evaluation recommendations presented to the Board. It describes the actions taken by Headquarters divisions, regional bureaux and country offices to implement the evaluation recommendations. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

8. *Operational Matters*

a) Country Strategic Plans

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

- Cameroon (2018–2020)
- Lebanon (2018–2020)
- Mozambique (2017–2021)
- Namibia (2017–2022)
- United Republic of Tanzania (2017–2021)

b) Interim Country Strategic Plans

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following interim country strategic plan:

- Sudan (2017–2018)

c) Projects Approved by Correspondence*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, the following budget increase to a PRRO, approved by correspondence by the Board following the First Regular Session in 2017:

Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations

- Somalia 200844

9. *Organizational and Procedural Matters*

➤ Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2017–2018)*

Further to a request by the Board at its Third Regular Session in 2004, an updated version of the Biennial Programme of Work (2017–2018) is presented **for information**.

10. *Administrative and Managerial Matters*

a) Address by Staff Representative Bodies to the Board

Staff Representative Bodies will present their address to the Board on questions of interest to the organization and its staff.

b) Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January–31 December 2016*

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

The 2000 Annual Session of 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 post-delivery losses to a minimum between 1 January and 31 December 2016. It makes specific mention of the largest losses, both in terms of absolute and proportional net cost.

c) Update on Food Procurement*

At the First Regular Session in 2006, Board members asked WFP to report more regularly on food procurement activities as a follow-up to “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.

d) Statistical Report on International Professional Staff and Higher Categories*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a document portraying WFP staffing as at 31 December 2016. It provides the number of international professional staff and higher categories holding indefinite, continuing or fixed-term (one year or more) appointments along with junior professional officers and United Nations volunteers participating in WFP activities. The report also provides statistics on the geographical distribution of WFP international professional staff and higher categories.

e) Security Report*

At its Second Regular Session in 2007, 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 2016 along with statistical data on geographical distribution and types of security incidents. This item is presented to the Board **for information**.

11. *Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2017*

In accordance with the Board's decision at its Second Regular Session in 1996 on its methods of work, the Summary of Work of the First Regular Session of 2017 is submitted **for approval**.

12. *Other Business*

➤ Oral Report on the Joint Field Visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP to Nepal*

An oral report of the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women, and WFP to Nepal is presented to the Board **for information**.

13. *Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations*

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