



**Management comments to the internal audit report of Government Donor Relations
(AR/12/13)**

Management Comments

Management has carefully considered the observations provided by the Office of Internal Audit in this audit report on Government Donor Relations. The audit reviewed the work of the Government Donor Relations Division from 1 January until 31 December 2011. During this period, the Division had overall responsibility for government donor fund raising efforts in WFP. The Division welcomed the audit which came during a period when contributions were at their lowest since 2008. Building and managing the relationship with government partners remains a key activity to enable the organization to respond timely and effectively to operational needs when and as they arise.

The audit report highlighted that the Division had generally established functioning internal controls, governance, risk management and communication processes. The audit affirmed that key controls were in place for the accurate negotiation and registration of government funding. The audit also observed that some areas needed improvement. Following the publication of the audit report, Management took immediate actions where possible to resolve compliance issues. Management also addressed several observations through the organizational strengthening exercise, which included a Liaison Office review that clarified roles, responsibilities and reporting lines.

As WFP seeks to widen its donor base with new funding channels, the positive practices and lessons identified by the audit will continue to guide WFP's fundraising approach whilst improving efficiency and effectiveness.

Management is confident that the organization is in a good position to address the challenges of working in an evolving fundraising landscape. Management will continue to seek innovation both in its existing partnerships and engaging new donors.