

**World Food Programme****Programme Alimentaire Mondial****Programa Mundial de Alimentos****برنامج الأغذية العالمي****Internal Audit of WFP Field Security (AR/14/19)**

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Management Comments:

WFP Management appreciates and welcomes the observations made by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in its audit report of WFP Field Security, and has already started implementing the agreed actions.

WFP Management appreciates OIG's recognition of the many positive practices and initiatives including: the identification of key security issues and areas for improvement within the context of the business process review; the development of a pilot model to collate and analyse security costs in WFP Country Offices; and the development and delivery of security training in French for local staff in Cameroon.

The report provides assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of the processes and policies associated with field security management in WFP. It also provides assurance that the overall field security responsibilities and accountabilities framework enables the attainment of WFP objectives while ensuring the safety and security of staff and assets.

The period of the audit coincided with an unprecedented demand on WFP as an organization, and WFP Field Security in particular, in supporting and permitting safe and secure activities in five concurrent Level 3 and six Level 2 emergencies characterized by highly complex and dangerous security environments. Given these circumstances and the challenges WFP Field Security faced, WFP Management recognizes the achievement that none of the internal control components were rated high risk.

All 11 medium-risk observations are being addressed with the agreed related actions and implementation time-line. Most of the agreed actions will have been completed by the end of 2014. Only three agreed actions have implementation extended into 2015, and are scheduled for completion by June 2015.

WFP Management greatly appreciates the robust, collegial and collaborative approach adopted for the audit. Consequently, the observations made were relevant and readily accepted and will lead to a strengthening of the overall assurance that WFP Field Security can deliver the correct level of support to WFP staff and operations.