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## **Internal Audit Report of WFP's Management of NGO Partnerships (AR-16-12)**

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### **Management Comments**

WFP Management is appraised of the findings and observations made by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in its audit report on WFP's Management of NGO Partnerships covering the period 1 January 2015 to 31 March 2016.

WFP Management appreciates OIG's recognition of initiatives undertaken to improve WFP's corporate performance in the area of NGO partnership management and relationship building, such as the revision of the format of the Annual Partnership Consultation with NGOs to improve dialogue and collaboration at the leadership level on joint strategic issues.

WFP Management takes note with concern that the overall conclusion of the Audit is "Partially Satisfactory" and in particular the high risk observation relating to country office processes for engaging and managing NGO partnerships, and its potential impact on both operational effectiveness and corporate reputation. Management further notes the nine medium risk observations covering several other aspects of NGO partnership management.

WFP Management is committed to carry out all agreed actions by 31 December 2017 for which a detailed action plan is already under development; in this connection, inter-departmental work will be instrumental to ensure the timely implementation of the agreed actions. WFP Management will also ensure that WFP Regional Bureaux are involved to improve and address any accountability and oversight issues.

Management considers the audit observations and agreed actions included in Audit report as an important opportunity to highlight the centrality of quality partnership management processes to WFP's operational effectiveness and ability to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030.

WFP Management would like to thank the Office of the Inspector General for the meaningful collaboration and support.