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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the agenda as presented (Annex).

24 May 2004

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Ms Heidi Pihlatie (List D) Rapporteur of the Annual Session of 2004.

24 May 2004

The decisions and recommendations in the current report will be implemented by the Secretariat in the light of the Board’s deliberations, the main points of which will be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2004/EB.A/1 Current and future strategic issues

The Board took note of the Executive Director’s oral presentation on strategic issues facing the Programme. The main points of the presentation, and the Board’s comments, would be contained in the summary of the work of the session. The Board also took note of the presentations by Ms Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF and Mr Jan Egeland, Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

24 May 2004

ANNUAL REPORTS

2004/EB.A/2 Annual Performance Report for 2003

The Board took note of the information and results reported in WFP’s first “Annual Performance Report” (WFP/EB.A/2004/4-A + Corr.1). The Board recognized that this Annual Performance Report for 2003 reflected in its substance the scope and function of the new governance arrangements being implemented by WFP. The Board requested that the comments made during the Board’s discussion of the Annual Performance Report for 2003 regarding the focus and presentation of the report be taken into account when drafting the Annual Performance Report for 2004.

24 May 2004


In accordance with its decision 2000/EB.A/2 of 22 May 2000, and in fulfilment of the reporting obligations under General Regulation VI.3, the Board requested that the Annual Report be forwarded to ECOSOC and the FAO Council, along with the Board’s decisions and recommendations for 2003 and the present decision.

25 May 2004

POLICY ISSUES

Nutrition issues

2004/EB.A/4  Food for nutrition: mainstreaming nutrition in WFP

In accordance with decision 2002/EB.A/4, the Board requested the Secretariat to add the following language to “Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies: A Governance Tool” (WFP/EB.A/2002/5-A/1) under cross-cutting issues:

“WFP will mainstream nutrition in its programmes, advocacy and partnerships in order to (i) tackle malnutrition directly, responding to and/or preventing malnutrition when food can make a difference, and (ii) enhance national and household capacities to recognize and respond to nutritional challenges. WFP will expand its efforts to achieve and document positive nutritional outcomes. This will include putting in place appropriate staff capacity at country, regional and Headquarters levels in nutritional assessment, programme design, project implementation and data collection and management. WFP will engage more fully in global and national policy dialogues on malnutrition problems and solutions in collaboration with appropriate partners.”

25 May 2004

2004/EB.A/5  Micronutrient fortification: WFP experiences and ways forward

In accordance with decision 2002/EB.A/4, the Board requested the Secretariat to add the following language to “Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies: A Governance Tool” (WFP/EB.A/2002/5-A/1) under cross-cutting issues:

“WFP will increase its efforts to meet micronutrient deficiencies among beneficiaries through the distribution of appropriately fortified foods and support for national and international fortification initiatives and policies, as well as food-based approaches, paying particular attention to micronutrient needs in emergencies and meeting the special needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. Central to these efforts are: ensuring adherence to WFP’s procurement specifications and quality-control procedures, and
documenting effectiveness and the impact of fortification activities. WFP will expand its local initiatives in the production of fortified blended foods and biscuits, and in the milling and fortification of cereals. Institutional and staff capacity to implement these activities will be enhanced as necessary.”

25 May 2004

2004/EB.A/6 Nutrition and emergencies: WFP experiences and challenges

In accordance with decision 2002/EB.A/4, the Board requested the Secretariat to add the following language to “Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies: A Governance Tool” (WFP/EB.A/2002/5-A/1) under cross-cutting issues:

“WFP will systematically analyse nutrition problems in emergencies and define the most appropriate responses based on up-to-date knowledge and best practice. Greater efforts will be made to ensure that nutritionally adequate foods are provided in a timely manner in support of nutrition objectives. WFP will enable staff to design and implement effective nutrition-related interventions and report on results, and will increase its collaboration with partners that offer complementary nutrition skills. WFP will enhance its collaboration with specialized institutions of the United Nations system and its other partners, and will ensure a proper division of tasks in designing and implementing integrated responses to malnutrition, particularly in the framework of needs identification. Funding modalities will be explored to enhance WFP’s cash resources to support nutrition objectives. Nutrition programming in emergencies will also pay more attention to underlying causes of malnutrition, not just acute outcomes during crises, and seek to build links with longer-term development activities.”

25 May 2004

2004/EB.A/7 Transition from relief to development

The Board took note of the Secretariat’s communication (WFP/EB.A/2004/5-B) on the final report of the UNDG/ECHA Working Group on Transition Issues and encouraged WFP to remain engaged and active in the process, taking into consideration the comments made during the Board’s discussion, and to keep the Board informed of developments so that the Board may regularly provide its advice and decide on how to proceed in the future.

24 May 2004

2004/EB.A/8 Humanitarian principles

The Board took note of the revised statement of the humanitarian principles of the World Food Programme contained in paragraph 14 of document WFP/EB.A/2004/5-C, which takes into account comments made during the First Regular Session of 2004. The Secretariat was requested to add the final statement to the Consolidated Framework of WFP Policies.

26 May 2004
2004/EB.A/9  Definition of special operations—amendment to General Rule II.2(d), programme categories of WFP

The Board approved the following change to the definition of the special operations category in the General Rules as set out in the document WFP/EB.A/2004/5-D:

**General Rule II.2(d): Programme Categories**

Special Operations Programme Category for interventions undertaken to:

i) rehabilitate and enhance transport and logistics infrastructure* to permit timely and efficient delivery of food assistance, especially to meet emergency and protracted relief needs;

ii) enhance coordination within the United Nations system and with other partners through the provision of designated common services.

25 May 2004

2004/EB.A/10  Reducing the number of Board sessions

The Board approved the reduction of the number of its sessions from four to three per year, as set in out in document WFP/EB.A/2004/5-E.

25 May 2004

2004/EB.A/11  Streamlining corporate reporting to the Executive Board and WFP parent bodies

The Board approved the decision to combine WFP reports to parent bodies into a single report to be submitted to the First Regular Session of the Board, starting in 2005, as well as the interim arrangements proposed for 2004, as described in document WFP/EB.A/2004/5-F.

24 May 2004

RESOURCES, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2004/EB.A/12  Consolidated financial report


The Board took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.A/2004/6(A,B,C,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2004/6(A,B,C,E)/3).

26 May 2004

* The issue relating to technical assistance will be discussed again at the Third Regular Session in October 2004.

The Executive Board:

a) approved the 2002–2003 Biennial Financial Statements of WFP, together with the report of the External Auditor, pursuant to General Regulation XIV.6 (b);

b) noted the application of the Staff Cost Variance account to both project-funded and PSA-funded staff costs;

c) noted the funding from the General Fund of US$8.4 million during the biennium for the purposes indicated below:

- unfunded expenditures in development projects;
- unfunded expenditures on closed projects;
- write-off of contributions receivable; and
- final transfer to the Kosovo Disaster Special Account;

d) approved the transfer of US$20 million from the General Fund and US$24.1 million from the PSA Equalization Account to the DSC Advance Facility Reserve, to bring the balance of the Reserve to US$60 million, as approved by the Executive Board in the 2004–2005 Management Plan.

The Board took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2004/6(A,B,C,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2004/6(A,B,C,E)/3).

26 May 2004


The Board took note of the report of the Director, Oversight Services and Inspector-General (WFP/EB.A/2004/6-C/1) and would forward it to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services along with its comments.

25 May 2004


The Board, having considered the recommendations of the Executive Director in document WFP/EB.A/2004/6-D:

a) approved a pledging target of US$5.2 billion for 2005–2006, determined using the needs-based approach on which the current WFP budget is based; and

b) recommended to ECOSOC that the next Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review should consider recommending to the General Assembly that pledging conferences should be discontinued because they no longer have a significant value in resource mobilization for WFP.

25 May 2004

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.A/2004/6-E/1.

26 May 2004

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS**


In considering document WFP/EB.A/2004/7-A + Corr.1, the Board noted the country-specific and commodity-specific losses suffered and the corrective actions taken by WFP, governments and other partners to minimize post-delivery losses. It encouraged the Secretariat to take all necessary measures to ensure that losses were reduced, to seek reimbursement from governments that had lost commodities through negligence, and to continue to report to the Board annually.

25 May 2004

2004/EB.A/18 **Composition of WFP international professional staff and higher categories**

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.A/2004/7-B.

26 May 2004

2004/EB.A/19 **Information note on the implementation of new security management arrangements**

The Board took note of the information contained in document WFP/EB.A/2004/7-C.

26 May 2004
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* In accordance with the Executive Board’s decisions on governance, approved at the Annual and Third Regular
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