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## **Internal Audit of WFP Operations in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (AR/17/10)**

### **Management Response**

WFP Management appreciates the findings and observations made by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in its Internal Audit of WFP Operations in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The audit was conducted from 13 February to 3 March 2017, covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016.

WFP Management welcomes OIG's recognition of a number of positive practices and initiatives with respect to control activities and monitoring. This includes improved engagement with Government counterparts; capacity strengthening and efficiency improvement initiatives in food safety and quality management of production processes in local food production facilities; implementation of random sampling techniques in the Country Office's programme monitoring which improved the reliability of monitoring data; implementation of WFP's web-based monitoring support tool (eWIN) and the use of tablets for improved data collection from monitoring visits; and development of supply chain management standard operating procedures to improve traceability and visibility of WFP commodities managed by Government counterparts. WFP Management believes that these positive practices improve the internal controls, risk management and governance processes in a highly challenging working environment.

WFP Management has achieved further progress with respect to the audit observations, and specific action plans have been formulated. A national food security assessment, is due to take place during the second half of 2017, providing fresh data on which to base programmatic design, as per the first high-risk observation regarding programme management. Further efforts are being made to expand monitoring access, and adjustments to existing standard operating procedures are expected to strengthen monitoring coverage and actions, which WFP believes will result in better programme results.

Management will also ensure that updates on the implementation status of the remaining outstanding agreed actions are provided to OIG on a regular basis through WFP internal tracking system

WFP Management would like to thank OIG for the meaningful collaboration and support. WFP Management considers the audit observations and agreed actions in Audit AR/17/10 as a valuable learning tool to improve processes.