REVISED PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 1997

NOTE BY THE BUREAU AND THE SECRETARIAT

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1. At its Third Regular Session of 1996, the Executive Board approved the outline of its programme of work for 1997 (document WFP/EB.3/96/11/Rev.1). The tentative sequence of formal sessions and pre-session briefings, the dates foreseen for those sessions and briefings, and their respective provisional agendas, were prepared taking into account the guidance provided by the Executive Board when considering the 1996 programme of work at its First Regular Session in January 1996.

2. The Executive Board noted that the Annual and the Third Regular Sessions of 1997 contemplated a heavy workload. It recommended that the new Bureau of the Board taking up office in January 1997 review, as appropriate, the respective provisional agendas and, if deemed necessary, consider the possibility of postponing some of the agenda items and revising the length of the sessions.

3. In this connection, and in the light of United Nations General Assembly resolution 48/162 which calls for enhancing transparency in the conduct of business by the Boards of United Nations Funds and Programmes - in particular regarding the interaction between the Boards and the Secretariats - the Bureau of the Board held a meeting with the WFP Secretariat on 6 February 1997.

4. During this meeting, the Bureau decided, on the basis of background information provided by the Secretariat, to revise the agenda of the Second Regular Session, the Annual Session and the Third Regular Session of 1997. It also decided to modify the duration of the Third Regular Session, and suggested a resumed Second Regular Session to deal with operational matters previously planned for the Annual Session.

5. The attached documents are submitted to the Executive Board for information and easy reference.
PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE RESUMED SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (26 MAY 1997)

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Evaluation reports
   - Watershed management projects in Pakistan
     Pakistan 2309 (Exp.2)
     Pakistan 2451 (Exp.1)
     Pakistan 4003
     Pakistan 4659
   - Food aid and micro-basin development in Latin America
     Bolivia 3886
     Nicaragua 4571
     Peru 5162
   - Rehabilitation and development of rural lands and infrastructure
     Ethiopia 2488 (Exp.3)

3. Country Strategy Outlines
   Angola
   El Salvador
   Guatemala
   Honduras
   Nicaragua


5. Progress report on WFP’s development portfolio


7. Other business

8. Verification of the decisions and recommendations
PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (27 - 29 MAY 1997)

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Appointment of the Rapporteur

3. Annual reports
   a) Annual report of the Executive Director
   b) Annual report on WFP emergency operations
   c) Annual report of the Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council on its activities in 1996

4. Resource and financial matters
   a) Strategic and financial plan (1998-2001)
   b) Budgetary performance report for 1996
   c) Pledging target (1998-99)
   d) Funding and replenishment of the Operational Reserve
   e) Funding of WFP’s after-service medical liabilities
   f) Progress report on the implementation of the External Auditor’s recommendations, 1992-93 and 1994-95

5. Policy issues
   a) Report to ECOSOC on follow-up to the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/120 and 50/227, and ECOSOC resolution 1996/42, on further reform and revitalization measures
   b) Policies on the use of WFP food aid in relief and development activities: Monetization


7. Administrative and managerial matters
   Composition of WFP international staff - personnel statistics report as at 31 January 1997

8. Other business

9. Verification of decisions and recommendations

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Appointment of the Rapporteur

3. Policy issues
   a) Measures to enhance WFP's programming in the poorest countries
   b) Targeting beneficiaries at critical times of their lives

4. Financial and budgetary matters
   a) Biennial budget for 1998-99

5. Evaluation reports
   a) Evaluation of emergency operations
      Angola 5298 (Exp.2)
      Tajikistan 5253 (Exp.1)
   b) Sectoral/Thematic evaluations
      - Targeting food aid to indigenous populations in Latin America:
        Colombia 2740 (Exp.1)
        Guatemala 2581 (Exp.1)
        Mexico 3324 (Exp.1)
      - Rehabilitation and upgrading of sea dikes
        Viet Nam 4617
      - Thematic evaluation on critical food needs of women and children

6. Country Strategy Outlines
   Armenia
   Mali
   Niger

7. Country Programmes
Egypt
Ghana
Mauritania
Mozambique
Yemen
Zambia

8. **Projects for Executive Board approval**
   a) Development projects
      Bhutan 2117 (Exp. 3)
      Gaza
      Guinea 5664
      Haiti 4111 (Exp. 1)
      Honduras 5691
      Madagascar 3936 (Exp. 1)
      Nepal 3718 (Exp 1)
      Sudan 5745
   
   b) Protracted refugee and displaced person projects
      Nepal 5324 (Exp. 2)
      Liberia
      Uganda 5623 (Exp 1)

9. **Reports of the Executive Director**
   a) Development projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 January - 30 June 1997
   b) Budget increases to development projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 January - 30 June 1997
   c) PROs approved by the Executive Director, 1 January - 30 June 1997
   d) Budget increases to PROs approved by the Executive Director, 1 January - 30 June 1997
   e) Progress reports
      Cape Verde
      Ecuador 4463
      Ecuador 3096 (Exp. 1)

10. **Organizational and procedural matters**
Programme of work for 1998


12. Other business

13. Verification of decisions and recommendations