ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Agenda item 1
1. **Adoption of the agenda.** The Executive Director hereby presents the annotated provisional agenda, which is based on the programme of work of the Executive Board for 1998, approved at the Third Regular Session of 1997. The Executive Board may amend the proposed agenda by deleting, adding or modifying any item.

2. **Appointment of the Rapporteur.** In accordance with the rules of procedure and methods of work adopted in 1996, the Executive Board may wish to appoint from among its members one Rapporteur for its Second Regular Session.

3. **Evaluation reports.** The following evaluation reports, submitted under this item, are for the Executive Board’s consideration. The Board is requested to take note of the reports, and comment upon and endorse the Secretariat’s plan to integrate the recommendations and lessons learned into the future work of WFP:
   - India 2206.06 - Support to Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme
   - Nepal 5572.00 - Rural Community Infrastructure Works Programme (RCIW)
   - UNHCR/WFP Joint evaluation of emergency food assistance to returnees, refugees, displaced persons and other war-affected populations in Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Operational matters**

4. **Country Strategy Outlines.** The Executive Board’s views are invited on the following Country Strategy Outlines:
   - Burkina Faso
   - Ecuador
   - Madagascar
   - Nepal
   - Sri Lanka

5. **Country Programmes.** The Executive Board will have before it, for consideration and approval, the following Country Programmes:
   - El Salvador
   - Ethiopia
   - Malawi
   - Senegal

6. **Development projects for Executive Board approval**

   a) **Development projects.** Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it, for consideration and approval, the following development projects exceeding the Executive Director’s delegated authority for approval:
   - Cameroon 4387.01
   - Sudan 5745.00
b) **Budget increases for previously approved projects.** Under this item, the Board will have before it, for consideration and approval, the following budget increase exceeding the Executive Director’s delegated authority for approval:

- Burkina Faso 3326.01

7. **Protracted refugee and displaced person projects for Executive Board approval.** The Executive Board will have before it for consideration and approval the following protracted refugee and displaced person projects exceeding the Executive Director’s delegated authority for approval:

- Ethiopia 5241.03
- Kenya 4961.04
- Sudan 4168.05

8. **Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters.**

a) **Development projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 July - 31 December 1997.** Under this item, the Executive Board may wish to consider summaries of the following development projects approved by the Executive Director between 1 July and 31 December 1997 within her delegated authority:

- China 5796.00
- Ethiopia 5869.00
- Gambia 5932.00

b) **Basic activities within approved Country Programmes.** Under this item, the Executive Board may wish to consider the summary of the following basic activity approved by the Executive Director between 1 July and 31 December 1997 within her delegated authority:

- Egypt 3214.01

c) **Protracted refugee and displaced person projects approved by the Executive Director, 1 July - 31 December 1997.** Under this item, the Executive Board may wish to consider summaries of the following protracted refugee and displaced person projects approved by the Executive Director between 1 July and 31 December 1997 within her delegated authority:

- Algeria 4155.07
- Djibouti 4960.03
- Sri Lanka 5346.04
- Yemen 5771.01
- Zambia 5428.03

d) **Budget increases to PROs approved by the Executive Director, 1 July - 31 December 1997.** A paper will be submitted under this item providing information on budget increases for protracted refugee and displaced person projects approved by the Executive Director between 1 July and 31 December 1997 within her delegated authority.
e) **Progress reports on approved projects.** The Executive Board will have before it, for consideration, the following progress reports on projects which have been in operation for two years or longer:

- Ghana 4932.00
- Haiti 5583.00
- Sao Tome and Principe 5392.00

9. **Gender Mainstreaming in WFP: an Integrated Assessment.** WFP targets the specific needs of women as guardians of household food security ensuring their access to, and control over, food aid programmes. It mainstreams gender issues in policy-making and project implementation. This report provides an assessment of WFP’s progress in the implementation of its Commitments to Women.

10. **Summary of the work of the First Regular Session of 1998 of the Executive Board.** In accordance with the Executive Board’s decision at its Second Regular Session of 1996 on its methods of work, the summary of the work of the First Regular Session of 1998 will be submitted for endorsement.

11. **Other business.** Representatives and the Executive Director may wish to raise further matters of interest to the Executive Board.

12. **Verification of the adopted decisions and recommendations.** The Executive Board will have before it a draft document containing all decisions and/or recommendations taken at its current session, for verification of their accuracy.