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## Annotated provisional agenda

### 1. ***Adoption of the agenda***

Pursuant to Rule III of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board, the Executive Director hereby presents, **for approval**, the provisional agenda for the 2018 annual session. During the session, the Board may, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, amend the agenda by deletion, addition or modification of any item.

### 2. ***Election for vacant positions in the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur***

The Board shall elect Bureau members to replace representatives who have left the Bureau.

Pursuant to Rule XII and in keeping with the established methods of work, the Board may appoint a rapporteur from among the representatives.

***High-level segment on the Sahel, including a keynote address by His Excellency Mahamadou Issoufou, President of the Republic of the Niger, in His Excellency's capacity as President of the G5 Sahel***

This segment will provide an opportunity to review the food security and nutrition situation in the Sahel and actions being taken to implement durable solutions in the region.

### 3. ***Opening remarks by the Executive Director***

Under this item, the Executive Director will make an oral presentation to the Board on current and future strategic issues facing WFP. This will be followed by remarks from the special guest.

***Statement by Her Royal Highness Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, United Nations Messenger of Peace and Chairperson of the International Humanitarian City***

### 4. ***Annual reports***

#### a) Annual performance report for 2017

General Rule VII.2 states: "Each year the Executive Director shall submit to the Board **for consideration and approval** an annual report and other reports as directed by the Board." Governance recommendation (h), approved by the Board at its third regular session in 2000 (decision 2000/EB.3/1 – Follow-up to Executive Board

Decision 2000/EB.A/6 on Governance), states: "An Annual Performance Report should be developed based on the Biennial Management Plan previously approved."

The annual performance report for 2017 aims to present a relevant and evidence based analysis of WFP's performance, reflecting the commitments made for the year as defined in the strategic and management plans.

b) Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2017

The annual report of the Ethics Office will be presented to the Board **for consideration**. The report covers the work of the Ethics Office in each area of its mandate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2017 and will provide information about its activities.

c) Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman for 2016

The annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman will be presented to Board **for consideration**. The report will cover the work of the Office of the Ombudsman in each area of its mandate for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016 and will provide information about its activities.

5. ***Policy issues***

a) Private-sector partnerships and fundraising strategy (2018–2021) - WITHDRAWN

b) Policy on WFP's role in urban areas - WITHDRAWN

c) WFP oversight framework

As requested by the Board at its 2017 annual session, the Secretariat will present an oversight framework, taking into account the latest organizational developments and enhancements to governance and oversight over recent years. This item is presented to the Board **for approval**.

d) Update on the Integrated Road Map

Following the approval of the Integrated Road Map at the 2016 second regular session, the Secretariat will present an update on the implementation of its various components and will report on progress and on any needed adjustments. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

e) Update on WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response

This document provides an overview of WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response during the last year, flags trends and challenges affecting WFP's response and highlights implications for WFP. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

f) Second dialogue and update on the report of the Secretary-General on repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda

At the request of the Bureau at its meeting of 26 April 2018, the Board will have a second opportunity to dialogue within the membership and receive an update from the WFP Secretariat on the Report of the Secretary-General on repositioning the United Nations development system to deliver on the 2030 Agenda. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

g) Update on the Gender Policy (2015–2020)<sup>1</sup>

When approving the gender policy (2015–2020) at its 2015 annual session, the Board requested that annual updates on implementation of the policy be presented. This item is presented to the Board **for information**.

h) Update on WFP's response to HIV and AIDS\*

The document gives a progress report on the implementation of WFP's HIV and AIDS policy (WFP/EB.2/2010/4-A) in the context of continued scaling-up of treatment with anti-retroviral drugs. It also describes recent successes in integrating food and nutrition into Global Fund proposals related to HIV and tuberculosis. This item is presented to the Board **for information**.

**6. Resource, financial and budgetary matters**

a) Audited annual accounts, 2017

The audited annual accounts present a full set of financial statements and notes for 2017. They also contain a review by the External Auditor of the financial statements, which provides an independent assessment for the Secretariat and the Board of the management controls on which the Secretariat has relied for the preparation of the annual financial statements. This item is presented to the Board **for approval**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Finance Committee.

b) Appointment of three members to the Audit Committee

The terms of three members of the Audit Committee come to an end in 2018; a panel was set up in accordance with the Audit Committee terms of reference to select new members. This document will present the recommendations to the Board **for approval**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

c) Utilization of the programme support and administrative equalization account reserve

In 2017, the balance in the PSA Equalization Account increased substantially, owing in large part to the high level of funding received. The Secretariat will present proposals for the utilization of this balance to the Board **for approval**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

d) Report on the utilization of WFP's advance financing mechanisms (1 January–31 December 2017)

The report covers use of the Immediate Response Account and the Working Capital Financing Facility from 1 January to 31 December 2017. The document will also present a proposal for a one-time increase of the Global Commodity Management Facility ceiling on WFP's reserves, **for approval** by the Board.

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<sup>1</sup> To be discussed at the session.

\* In accordance with the Board's decisions on governance approved at the annual session and third regular session of 2000, items for information should not be discussed unless a Board member specifically requests it well in advance of the meeting and the Chair accepts the request on the grounds that it is a proper use of the Board's time

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

e) Annual report of the Audit Committee

At its 2009 first regular session, the Board endorsed the creation of the WFP Audit Committee as an independent advisory body reporting to the Board and the Executive Director. This annual report will cover the activities of the Audit Committee from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018. The closing date coincides with the finalization of the annual financial statements, a prime focus area of the Committee for the period under review. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

f) Annual report of the Inspector General and note by the Executive Director

In accordance with Article VI (2) (b) (viii) of the WFP General Regulations, the Board is provided with a report of the Inspector General on oversight activities.

This report covering 2017 provides the oversight perspective regarding WFP's governance, risk management and control and provides overviews of the activities of the Office of the Inspector General, the Office of Internal Audit and the Office of Inspections and Investigations. The report is submitted together with a note by the Executive Director. The two items are presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

g) Report of the External Auditor on food-related losses and WFP management response to the recommendations

This report presents the results of an external audit on food-related losses. The primary aims of the audit were to: i) identify and quantify, if possible, all the losses of any kind related to food procurement by WFP, from determination of the food basket to final consumption; ii) review the identification, analysis, and reporting mechanisms related to food-related losses; iii) analyse the effectiveness of the measures put in place to prevent and mitigate these losses. The Secretariat's response to the report's recommendations is also presented. Both documents are presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

h) Report of the External Auditor on the scale-up and scale-down of resources in emergency operations and WFP management response to the recommendations

This report presents the results of an external audit on the scale-up and scale-down of resources in emergency operations. The primary aim of the audit was to determine: i) whether the governance of resources deployed in emergencies is sound and undergoes specific internal control measures; ii) whether WFP is able to control the level of resources to be allocated to the start and end of an operation in a context of a growing number of emergency operations and their longer duration; iii) whether the operational mechanisms to facilitate the deployment at the start and the reduction of resources at the time of deactivation are effective. The Secretariat's response to the report's recommendations is also presented. Both documents are presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

i) Report on the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations

This report summarizes actions taken by the Secretariat to implement the External Auditor's recommendations. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

j) Update on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 70/244 with regard to raising the mandatory age of separation of WFP staff members

At its meeting on 27 March 2018, the Executive Board Bureau requested WFP to present to the Board an update on actions taken with regard to WFP's implementation of General Assembly Resolution 70/244. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

k) Report of the Executive Director on the utilization of contributions and waivers of costs (General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (h))\*

In accordance with General Rules XII.4 and XIII.4 (h), this report is submitted to the Board **for information**. It covers the use of unrestricted cash resources to purchase commodities, contributions of commodities or services only from governments of developing countries, countries with economies in transition and other non-traditional donors and reductions or waivers for indirect support costs in respect of in-kind contributions to cover direct support costs.

The Board will also have before it, **for information**, the comments and recommendations of the ACABQ and the FAO Finance Committee.

7. **Evaluation reports**

a) Annual evaluation report, 2017 and management response

The annual evaluation report summarizes the findings of evaluations completed in the previous year to highlight common areas of strength and identify opportunities for systemic improvements to enhance WFP's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability. It also provides an account of the evaluation function at WFP. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

b) Summary evaluation report – WFP humanitarian protection policy for 2012–2017 and management response

In line with the agreement that WFP policies be evaluated between four and six years following approval, this evaluation will assess the quality of the WFP humanitarian protection policy approved in 2012, its implementation arrangements and results. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

c) Summary evaluation report – WFP's policies on humanitarian principles and access in humanitarian contexts during the period 2004–2017 and management response

This evaluation will cover three policies, on humanitarian principles, approved in 2004; on humanitarian access and its implications for WFP, approved in 2006; and on WFP's role in the humanitarian assistance system, approved in 2010. It will take into account WFP's latest position papers on the issues and will contribute evidence of renewed

commitment by WFP to these policies. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

d) Summary evaluation report – Central African Republic country portfolio (2002–mid-2017) and management response

The evaluation provides an analysis and assessment of the portfolio over a five-year period assessing: i) how well WFP is aligned with the context, people's needs, government policies and partner strategies; ii) the drivers and quality of strategic choices; and iii) portfolio performance and results. The evaluation findings and recommendations will inform the country office's strategic direction, planning and programme implementation. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

e) Implementation status of evaluation recommendations

This document presents the annual status report on the implementation of the evaluation recommendations presented to the Board. It describes the actions taken by headquarters divisions, regional bureaux and country offices to implement evaluation recommendations. This item is presented to the Board **for consideration**.

8. ***Operational matters***

a) Country strategic plans

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, the following country strategic plans:

- Afghanistan (2018–2022)
- Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (2018–2022)
- Egypt (2018–2023)
- Kenya (2018–2023)
- Philippines (2018–2023)

b) Comprehensive update on Myanmar country strategic plan (2018–2022)

Following a request by the Board at its 2017 second regular session and again at its 2018 first regular session, the Secretariat will present a comprehensive update on this country strategic plan **for consideration**.

c) Revisions of transitional interim country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases approved by correspondence

The Board will have before it, **for approval**, revisions and corresponding budget increases exceeding the Executive Director's delegated authority in respect of the following transitional interim country strategic plans:

- Dominican Republic (January–December 2018)
- Haiti (January–June 2018)
- Nepal (January–December 2018)

9. ***Organizational and procedural matters***

➤ Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2018–2019)\*

Further to a request by the Board at its 2004 third regular session, an updated version of the biennial programme of work (2018–2019) is presented **for information**.

10. ***Administrative and managerial matters***

a) Address by staff representative bodies to the Board

As per procedure established in 2012, staff representative bodies will present their address to the Board on questions of interest to the organization and its staff.

b) Report on post-delivery losses for the period 1 January–31 December 2017\*

The Executive Director will submit to the Board, **for information**, a report on food losses incurred after delivery in recipient countries.

At its 2000 annual session the Board "encouraged the Secretariat to take all necessary measures to ensure that losses were further reduced and seek monetary reimbursement from those governments which had lost commodities through negligence". The report describes the measures taken by WFP to keep post-delivery losses to a minimum between 1 January and 31 December 2017. It makes specific mention of the largest losses, both in terms of absolute and proportional net cost.

c) Update on food procurement<sup>1</sup>

At its 2006 first regular session, the Board requested WFP to report more regularly on food procurement activities as a follow-up to the policy outlined in the document entitled "Food procurement in developing countries" (WFP/EB.1/2006/5-C). This periodic update, presented **for information**, provides: i) statistics on food procurement; ii) an update on food procurement capacity; and iii) an analysis of the interplay between local, regional and international procurement.

d) Statistical report on WFP international professional staff and higher categories\*

The Board will have before it, **for information**, a report outlining WFP staffing as at 31 December 2017. It provides the number of international professional and higher category staff holding indefinite, continuing or fixed term (one year or more) appointments and junior professional officers and United Nations volunteers participating in WFP activities. The report also provides statistics on the geographical distribution of WFP international professional and higher category staff.

e) Security report\*

At its 2007 second regular session, the Board requested that the WFP security report be shared with Board members. This document presents an analysis of significant security incidents involving WFP staff, assets and partners in 2017 along with statistical data on geographical distribution and types of security incidents. This item is presented to the Board **for information**.

**11. Summary of the work of the 2018 first regular session of the Executive Board**

In accordance with the Board's decision at its 1996 second regular session on its methods of work, the summary of work of the 2018 first regular session is submitted **for approval**.

**12. Other business**

***Special recognition segment for Mr William Lacy Swing, Director General of the International Organization for Migration***

At the request of the Bureau, this segment will provide an opportunity to recognize and honour Mr Swing for his decades-long career and exemplary service in diplomacy, humanitarian affairs and migration.

➤ Report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board\*

A report on the 2017 field visit of the WFP Executive Board to West Africa is provided to the Board **for information**.

➤ Oral report on the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP\*

An oral report on the 2018 joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women, and WFP to Uganda is provided to the Board **for information**.

➤ Oral report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP\*

An oral report on the 2018 joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP is provided to the Board **for information**.

13. ***Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations***

The Board will have before it a draft document containing all decisions and recommendations taken at its current session, for verification of their accuracy.