Decisions and recommendations of the 2020 annual session of the Executive Board

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

Adoption of the agenda
The Board adopted the agenda.

Appointment of the Rapporteur
In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Mao Mahad Scch Aues (Somalia, List A) Rapporteur for its 2020 annual session.

Other business

2020/EB.A/1 Proposed reorganization of WFP’s senior leadership structure
The Board approved the proposed reorganization of WFP’s senior leadership structure, as set forth in WFP/EB.A/2020/12-F.

2020/EB.A/2 Opening remarks by the Executive Director
The Board took note of the opening remarks by the Executive Director. The main points of the Executive Director and the Board’s comments would be reflected in the summary of the work of the session.

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

2020/EB.A/3 Utilization of the programme support and administrative equalization account reserve
Having considered the document “Utilization of the programme support and administrative equalization account reserve” (WFP/EB.A/2020/6-K/1), the Board approved the allocation from the programme support and administrative equalization account of USD 30 million to the immediate response account.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (WFP/EB.A/2020/A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2020/A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).
Other business

2020/EB.A/4 Comprehensive action plan for the implementation of the recommendations of the joint Board/management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination

The Board expressed its appreciation for the comprehensive action plan set forth in document WFP/EB.A/2020/12-A, and requested the Secretariat: i) to provide it with quarterly oral updates for the duration of the mandate of the Senior Advisor to the Executive Director on Workplace Culture, describing the implementation of and any revisions to the plan; and ii) provide a formal progress report on the implementation of the plan at the Board’s 2020 second regular session and thereafter annually as part of the WFP annual performance report.

30 June 2020

Annual reports

2020/EB.A/5 Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2019

The Board took note of the annual report of the Ethics Office for 2019 (WFP/EB.A/2020/4-B).

30 June 2020

2020/EB.A/6 Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2019 and management response

The Board took note of the annual report and supported all the recommendations of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2019 (WFP/EB.A/2020/4-C).

30 June 2020

2020/EB.A/7 Annual performance report for 2019

The Board approved the annual performance report for 2019 (WFP/EB.A/2020/4-A), noting that it provided a comprehensive record of WFP performance for the year. In accordance with General Regulation VI.3, and pursuant to its decisions 2000/EB.A/2 and 2004/EB.A/11, resolution E/2013/L.17 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and the decision adopted by the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its 148th Session in 2013, the Board requested that the annual performance report for 2019 be forwarded to the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization, along with the present decision and the Board’s decisions and recommendations for 2019.

30 June 2020

Policy issues

2020/EB.A/8 Mid-term review of the WFP Strategic Plan (2017–2021)

The Board took note of the mid-term review of the WFP Strategic Plan (2017–2021) (WFP/EB.A/2020/5-A/Rev.2).

The Board:

➢ welcomed the recognition that “corporate result pathways” or “theories of change” would help WFP and the Executive Board in decision making, evaluation and performance management; and

➢ requested management to set out a consultation process during 2021 for members to discuss and agree the approach, including the theory of change, to be used in WFP’s Strategic Plan 2022–2026.

30 June 2020
Resource, financial and budgetary matters

2020/EB.A/9 Annual report of the Inspector General and note by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the annual report of the Inspector General (WFP/EB.A/2020/6-D/1/Rev.1) and noted that, based on the risk-based oversight work performed and reported in 2019, no material weaknesses were identified in the governance, risk management or control processes in place across WFP that would seriously compromise the overall achievement of WFP's strategic and operational objectives. The Board expected management to take advantage of the opportunities for improvement highlighted in the report.


1 July 2020

2020/EB.A/10 Management review of significant risk and control issues, 2019

The Board took note of the management review of significant risk and control issues, 2019 (WFP/EB.A/2020/6-E/1).


1 July 2020

2020/EB.A/11 Annual report of the Audit Committee

The Board took note of the annual report of the Audit Committee (WFP/EB.A/2020/6-C/1).


1 July 2020

2020/EB.A/12 Audited annual accounts, 2019

The Board:

i) approved the 2019 annual financial statements of WFP, together with the report of the External Auditor, pursuant to General Regulations XIV.6 (b);

ii) noted the funding from the General Fund of USD 394,645 during 2019 for the ex-gratia payments and the write off of cash losses and receivables;

iii) noted losses of commodities during 2019 forming part of operating expenses for the same period.


1 July 2020

The Board took note of the report of the External Auditor on the real estate portfolio (WFP/EB.A/2020/6-F/1) and management's response (WFP/EB.A/2020/6-F/1/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the External Auditor's recommendations taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.


1 July 2020

2020/EB.A/14 Report of the External Auditor on air transport services and management's response to the External Auditor's recommendations

The Board took note of the report of the External Auditor on air transport services (WFP/EB.A/2020/6-G/1) and management’s response (WFP/EB.A/2020/6-G/1/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.


1 July 2020

2020/EB.A/15 Report on the implementation of the External Auditor’s recommendations

The Board took note of the report on the implementation of the External Auditor’s recommendations (WFP/EB.A/2020/6-H/1).


1 July 2020

2020/EB.A/16 Replenishment of the special account for wellness programmes

The Board approved the replenishment of the special account for wellness programmes for the reasons and in the amount described in document WFP/EB.A/2020/6-B/1.


1 July 2020


The Board took note of the report on the utilization of WFP’s advance financing mechanisms (1 January–31 December 2019) (WFP/EB.A/2020/6-I/1).


1 July 2020
Policy issues
2020/EB.A/18  Update on WFP’s role in the collective humanitarian response
The Board took note of the update on WFP’s role in the collective humanitarian response (WFP/EB.A/2020/5-B).

1 July 2020

Administrative and managerial matters
2020/EB.A/19  Appointment of one member to the Audit Committee
The Board approved the renewal of the term of one Audit Committee member as follows:
➢ Ms Agnieszka Słomka-Gołębiowska (Poland), from 30 July 2020 to 29 July 2023.

1 July 2020

2020/EB.A/20  Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP
The Board took note of the information and recommendations in the document entitled “Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP” (WFP/EB.A/2020/10-B) and endorsed the responses to the Joint Inspection Unit’s recommendations to the legislative bodies included in the annexes to the document.

1 July 2020

Evaluation reports
2020/EB.A/21  Annual evaluation report for 2019 and management response
The Board took note of the annual evaluation report for 2019 (WFP/EB.A/2020/7-A) and management’s response (WFP/EB.A/2020/7-A/Add.1) and encouraged further action taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

2 July 2020

2020/EB.A/22  Summary report on the evaluation of WFP's Gender Policy (2015–2020) and management response
The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of WFP's Gender Policy (2015–2020) (WFP/EB.A/2020/7-B) and management’s response (WFP/EB.A/2020/7-B/Add.1) and encouraged further action taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

2 July 2020

The Board took note of the summary report on the strategic evaluation of funding WFP's work (2014–2019) (WFP/EB.A/2020/7-C) and management’s response (WFP/EB.A/2020/7-C/Add.1) and encouraged further action taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

2 July 2020

The Board took note of the synthesis of evidence and lessons from WFP's policy evaluations (2011–2019) (WFP/EB.A/2020/7-D) and management’s response (WFP/EB.A/2020/7-D/Add.1) and encouraged further action taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

2 July 2020
Implementation status of evaluation recommendations

The Board took note of the document entitled “Implementation status of evaluation recommendations (WFP/EB.A/2020/7-E).

2 July 2020

Operational matters

Country strategic plans — Ethiopia (2020–2025)

The Board approved the Ethiopia country strategic plan (2020–2025) (WFP/EB.A/2020/8-A/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 2,586,549,456.

2 July 2020

Summary of the work of the 2020 first regular session of the Executive Board

Summary of the work of the 2020 first regular session of the Executive Board

The Board approved the draft summary of the work of its 2020 first regular session, the final version of which would be embodied in document WFP/EB.1/2020/11.

3 July 2020
Agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda** *(for approval)*
2. **Appointment of the Rapporteur**
3. **Opening remarks by the Executive Director**
4. **Annual reports**
   a) Annual performance report for 2019 *(for approval)*
   b) Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2019 *(for consideration)*
   c) Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2019 and management note *(for consideration)*
5. **Policy issues**
   a) Mid-term review of the WFP Strategic Plan (2017–2021) *(for consideration)*
   b) Update on WFP’s role in the collective humanitarian response *(for consideration)*
   c) Update on WFP’s response to HIV and AIDS *(for information)*
   d) Update on WFP’s implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system) *(for information)*
   e) Oral update on the implications for WFP of the guidance on the United Nations sustainable development cooperation frameworks and common country analyses *(for information)*
6. **Resource, financial and budgetary matters**
   a) Audited annual accounts, 2019 *(for approval)*
   b) Replenishment of the Special Account for Wellness Programmes *(for approval)*
   c) Annual report of the Audit Committee *(for consideration)*
   d) Annual report of the Inspector General *(for consideration)* and note by the Executive Director *(for consideration)*
   e) Management review of significant risk and control issues, 2019 *(for consideration)*
   f) Report of the External Auditor on the real estate portfolio *(for consideration)* and WFP management response to the External Auditor’s recommendations *(for consideration)*
   g) Report of the External Auditor on air transport services *(for consideration)* and WFP management response to the External Auditor’s recommendations *(for consideration)*
   h) Report on the implementation of the External Auditor’s recommendations *(for consideration)*
   i) Report on the utilization of WFP’s advance financing mechanisms (1 January–31 December 2019) *(for consideration)*
   j) Report of the Executive Director on contributions, reductions and waivers of costs under General Rule XIII.4 (f) in 2019 *(for information)*
   k) Utilization of the programme support and administrative equalization account reserve *(for approval)*

* To be discussed at the session.
7. **Evaluation reports** *(for consideration)*
   a) Annual evaluation report for 2019 and management response
   b) Summary report on the evaluation of WFP's Gender Policy (2015–2020) and management response
   c) Summary report on the strategic evaluation of funding WFP's work (2014–2019) and management response
   d) Synthesis of evidence and lessons from WFP's policy evaluations (2011–2019) and management response
   e) Implementation status of evaluation recommendations

8. **Operational matters**
   a) Country strategic plans *(for approval)*
      1. Ethiopia (2020–2025)
   b) Crisis response revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO, following comment by Member States *(for information)*
      1. Democratic Republic of the Congo

9. **Organizational and procedural matters**
   a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2020–2021) *(for information)*

10. **Administrative and managerial matters**
    a) Appointment of one member to the Audit Committee *(for approval)*
    b) Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP *(for consideration)*
    c) Address by staff representative bodies to the Board
    d) Report on global losses for the period 1 January–31 December 2019 *(for information)*
    e) Update on food procurement *(for information)*
    f) Statistical report on international professional staff and higher categories at 31 December 2019 *(for information)*
    g) Security report *(for information)*

11. **Summary of the work of the 2020 first regular session of the Executive Board** *(for approval)*

12. **Other business**
    a) Comprehensive action plan for the implementation of the recommendations of the joint Board/management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination *(for consideration)*
    b) Oral report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP *(for information)*
    c) Oral update on United Nations Humanitarian Air Service *(for information)*
    d) Oral update on preparations for the 2021 United Nations Summit on Food Systems *(for information)*
    e) Oral update on WFP's response to COVID-19 *(for information)*
    f) Proposed reorganization of WFP's senior leadership structure *(for approval)*

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4 b)  Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2019  WFP/EB.A/2020/4-B
4 c)  Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman for 2019  WFP/EB.A/2020/4-C
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Policy Issues

5 a)  Mid-term review of the WFP Strategic Plan (2017–2021)  WFP/EB.A/2020/5-A/Rev.2
5 b)  Update on WFP’s role in the collective humanitarian response  WFP/EB.A/2020/5-B
5 c)  Update on WFP’s response to HIV and AIDS  WFP/EB.A/2020/5-C
5 d)  Update on WFP’s implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system)  WFP/EB.A/2020/5-D

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6 c)  Annual report of the Audit Committee  WFP/EB.A/2020/6-C/1
6 d)  Annual report of the Inspector General  WFP/EB.A/2020/6-D/1/Rev.1
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6 e)  Management review of significant risk and control issues, 2019  WFP/EB.A/2020/6-E/1
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6 h)  Report on the implementation of the External Auditor’s recommendations  WFP/EB.A/2020/6-H/1
6 i) Report on the utilization of WFP’s advance financing mechanisms (1 January–31 December 2019) WFP/EB.A/2020/6-I/1/Add.1

6 j) Report of the Executive Director on contributions, reductions and waivers of costs under General Rule XIII.4 (f) in 2019 WFP/EB.A/2020/6-J/1

6 k) Utilization of the programme support and administrative equalization account reserve WFP/EB.A/2020/6-K/1

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7 a) Annual evaluation report for 2019 WFP/EB.A/2020/7-A

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7 b) Summary report on the evaluation of WFP’s Gender Policy (2015–2020) WFP/EB.A/2020/7-B

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7 c) Summary report on the strategic evaluation of funding WFP’s work (2014–2019) WFP/EB.A/2020/7-C

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1) Ethiopia (2020–2025) WFP/EB.A/2020/8-A/1

8 b) Crisis response revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO, following comment by Member States

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10 d) Report on global losses for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2019

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10 f) Statistical report on international professional staff and higher categories at 31 December 2019

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10 g) Security Report

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12 a) Comprehensive action plan for the implementation of the recommendations of the joint Board/management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination

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* To be issued after approval by the Executive Board at its second regular session in November 2020.