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ROBERT VAN DER ZEE Chief Financial Officer

Robert van der Zee is WFP's Chief Financial Officer. In this role, he drives effective resource planning, allocation and utilization. He also oversees the financial cycle, which spans from corporate planning, through budgeting and performance, to the recording of accounting transactions and payments, strategic financing, financial monitoring, and financial performance reporting.

Prior to his appointment in February 2024, Mr. van der Zee served as Director of the Corporate Finance Division at WFP for six years, leading the organization's 900+ global financial function. He set strategies, policies, and procedures to ensure transparency and accountability for financial resources, and provided assurance to donors, and governance and oversight bodies. He joined WFP in 2005 as Treasurer, and also served as Deputy Director of WFP's Finance Division from 2013 to 2018. Mr. van der Zee started his career in international banking with ABN AMRO Bank and completed assignments in five countries during the first ten years of his professional career. With over 28 years of experience in a broad range of financial management roles, he brings extensive and in-depth organizational and financial knowledge and expertise.

Mr. van der Zee holds a Master of Science Degree in Finance from Erasmus University in Rotterdam (the Netherlands) and an Executive MBA from IE Business School in Madrid (Spain). He is a Dutch national and married with three children.