Executive Board of the World Food Programme

Report on the first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2014







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Annual report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme to the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on its activities in 2014

In accordance with General Regulation VI.3 and pursuant to Executive Board decision 2000/EB.A/2, the Executive Board of the World Food Programme has the honour to present to the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations its report for consideration.

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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 2014

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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the Agenda.

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Election of the Bureau and Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Board elected H.E. Evelyn Anita Stokes-Hayford (Ghana, List A) as President for a one-year term. Mr Robert Sabiiti (Uganda, List A) was elected as Alternate.

The Board elected Mr Samuel Beever (Australia, List D) as Vice-President. Mr Andreas Schiess (Switzerland, List D) was elected as Alternate.

The Board elected as members of the Bureau, representing the other three WFP electoral lists, for a one-year term: Mr Vimlendra Sharan (India, List B); H.E. Stephanie Hochstetter Skinner-Klée (Guatemala, List C) and Ms Marieta Okenková (Slovakia, List E). Elected as Alternates were: H.E. Hassan Janabi (Iraq, List B); Mr Juan Carlos Sarmiento Umbarila (Colombia, List C) and Mr Victor Fedorinov (Russian Federation, List E).

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr GUO Handi (China, List B) Rapporteur of the First Regular Session of 2014.

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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.

Current and future strategic issues

2014/EB.1/1 Opening remarks by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the presentation by the Executive Director. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

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Resource, financial and budgetary matters

2014/EB.1/2 Financial framework review: working capital financing

The Board took note of "Financial Framework Review: Working Capital Financing" (WFP/EB.1/2014/4-A/1), the objectives and timeline for further review of WFP's financial framework in 2014, and the current utilization of advance financing. It welcomed further proposals for expanding the Working Capital Financing Facility.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.1/2014/4(A,B)/2) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2014/4(A,B)/3).

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2014/EB.1/3 Method for Calculating the Indirect Support Cost Rate for WFP

The Board took note of "Method for Calculating the Indirect Support Cost Rate for WFP" (WFP/EB.1/2014/4-B/1) and looked forward to further analysis based on its discussions.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.1/2014/4(A,B)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.1/2014/4(A,B)/3).

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EVALUATION REPORTS

2014/EB.1/4 Summary Evaluation Report of the WFP Gender Policy (2008-2013) and Management Response

The Board took note of "Summary Evaluation Report of the WFP Gender Policy (2008-2013)" (WFP/EB.1/2014/5-A) and the management response in WFP/EB.1/2014/5-A/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion. In this respect, the Board asked WFP to provide a progress report on the implementation of the evaluation recommendations as part of the update on the development of the new gender policy already included in the Biennial Programme of Work at the 2014 Second Regular Session.

10 February 2014

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2014/EB.1/5 Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Impact of Food for Assets on Livelihood Resilience in Guatemala (2003-2010) and Management Response

The Board took note of "Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Impact of Food for Assets on Livelihood Resilience in Guatemala (2003-2010)" (WFP/EB.1/2014/5-B) and the management response in WFP/EB.1/2014/5-B/Add.1, and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

10 February 2014

2014/EB.1/6 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations — Haiti 200618

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Haiti 200618 "Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Resilience" (WFP/EB.1/2014/6-B/1).

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WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2014/EB.1/7 Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Impact of Food for Assets on Livelihood Resilience in Senegal (2005-2010) and Management Response

The Board took note of "Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Impact of Food for Assets on Livelihood Resilience in Senegal (2005-2010)" (WFP/EB.1/2014/5-C) and the management response in WFP/EB.1/2014/5-C/Add.1, and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

10 February 2014

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2014/EB.1/8 Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Impact of Food for Assets on Livelihood Resilience in Uganda (2005-2010) and Management Response

The Board took note of "Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Impact of Food for Assets on Livelihood Resilience in Uganda (2005-2010)" (WFP/EB.1/2014/5-D) and the management response in WFP/EB.1/2014/5-D/Add.1, and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

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SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2014/EB.1/9 Budget Increases to Development Activities — Republic of the Congo 200211

The Board approved the proposed budget increase of USD 6.8 million for Republic of the Congo development project 200211, with a ten-month extension from 1 March to 31 December 2014 (WFP/EB.1/2014/6-A*).

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MIDDLE EAST, NORTH AFRICA, EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2014/EB.1/10 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations — Yemen 200636

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Yemen 200636 "Safeguarding Lives, Improving Food Security and Nutrition, and Building Resilience" (WFP/EB.1/2014/6-B/2).

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS

2014/EB.1/11 Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit Relevant to the Work of WFP

The Board took note of the information and recommendations in "Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit Relevant to the Work of WFP" (WFP/EB.1/2014/9).

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OTHER BUSINESS

2014/EB.1/12 Simplification of the Country Programme Approval Procedure

Having reviewed "Simplification of the Country Programme Approval Procedure" (WFP/EB.1/2014/11-B), the Board approved the procedure described in the document, under which country programmes are discussed and approved at a single session, and required the Secretariat to ensure that adequate consultation be implemented at country level and with all relevant stakeholders.

11 February 2014

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2014/EB.1/13 Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2013

The Board approved the document "Draft Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2013", the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.2/2013/13.

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- 3. Current and Future Strategic Issues
- 4. Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters
 - a) Financial Framework Review: Working Capital Financing (for consideration)
 - b) Method for Calculating Indirect Support Cost Rate for WFP (for consideration)
- 5. **Evaluation Reports** (for consideration)
 - a) Summary Evaluation Report of the WFP Gender Policy (2008-2013) and Management Response
 - b) Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Impact of Food for Assets on Livelihood Resilience in Guatemala (2003-2010) and Management Response
 - c) Summary Report of the Evaluation of the Impact of Food for Assets on Livelihood Resilience in Senegal (2005-2010) and Management Response
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 - Republic of the Congo 200211
 - b) Protracted relief and recovery operations
 - Haiti 200618
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 - a) Development Projects Approved by the Executive Director (1 January-31 December 2013)
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8. Organizational and Procedural Matters

▶ Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2014-2015) (for information)

9. Administrative and Managerial Matters

- Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit Relevant to the Work of WFP (for consideration)
- 10. Summary of the Work of the Second Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2013 (for approval)

11. Other Business

- a) Update on the Implementation of the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review (for information)
- b) Simplification of the Country Programme Approval Procedure (for approval)
- c) Oral Report on the Joint Meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (for information)

12. Verification of Approved Decisions and Recommendations

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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 2014

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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the Agenda.

3 June 2014

Election for a Vacant Position in the Bureau and Appointment of the Rapporteur

The Board elected H.E. Saywan Barzani (Iraq) as List B Alternate to the Bureau.

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Andreas Schiess (Switzerland, List D) Rapporteur of the Annual Session of 2014.

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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.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2014/EB.A/1 Opening Remarks by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the presentation by the Executive Director. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

3 June 2014

ANNUAL REPORTS

2014/EB.A/2 Annual Performance Report for 2013

The Board approved the Annual Performance Report for 2013 (WFP/EB. A/2014/4*), noting that it provided a comprehensive record of WFP's performance for the year.

3 June 2014

POLICY ISSUES

2014/EB.A/3 Update on WFP's Role in the Humanitarian Assistance System

The Board took note of "Update on WFP's Role in the Humanitarian Assistance System" (WFP/EB.A/2014/5-A).

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2014/EB.A/4 WFP Corporate Partnership Strategy (2014-2017)

The Board took note of "WFP Corporate Partnership Strategy (2014-2017)" (WFP/EB.A/2014/5-B).

3 June 2014

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2014/EB.A/5 Audited Annual Accounts, 2013

The Board:

- i) approved the 2013 Annual Financial Statements of WFP, together with the Report of the External Auditor, pursuant to General Regulation XIV.6 (b);
- ii) noted the funding from the General Fund of USD 3,238 during 2013 for the write-off of cash losses and receivables; and
- iii) noted post-delivery losses of commodities during 2013 forming part of the operating expenses for the same period.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

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2014/EB.A/6 Appointment of Two Members to the Audit Committee

The Board approved the renewal of the terms of two Audit Committee members as follows:

- Ms Irena Petruškevičiené (Lithuania) from 30 July 2014 to 29 July 2017; and
- Mr James A. Rose III (United States of America) from 30 July 2014 to 29 July 2017.

It also approved the timeframe for selection of future members outlined in paragraphs 7 and 8 in the document (WFP/EB.A/2014/6-B/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

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2014/EB.A/7 Appointment of Two Executive Board Members to the Selection Panel for the Appointment of Three Audit Committee Members

The Board approved the following appointments to the selection panel of Audit Committee members in relation to the selection of three Audit Committee members:

- > Dr Kayoya Masuhwa, Alternate Permanent Representative of Zambia, as representative of the Executive Board; and
- Mr Otmar Greiff, Alternate Permanent Representative of Germany, as representative of the Executive Board.

It requested the selection panel to report its recommendations to the Executive Director and the President of the Board.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

4 June 2014

2014/EB.A/8 Financial Framework Review

The Board took note of "Financial Framework Review" (WFP/EB.A/2014/6-D/1) building upon the findings of the external review of WFP's Working Capital Financing Facility and the consultative process on the way forward with the Secretariat. The Board:

- i) welcomed the comprehensive approach to the financial framework review;
- ii) approved the separation of the Forward Purchase Facility and corporate services advances from the Working Capital Financing Facility;
- iii) approved the establishment of a reserve for the Global Commodity Management Facility and the transfer of USD 6 million from the operational reserve to the newly established Global Commodity Management Facility Reserve;
- iv) approved the ceiling of USD 570 million for the Working Capital Financing Facility to be used for internal lending for project operations;
- v) approved a ceiling of USD 350 million for the Global Commodity Management Facility;
- vi) approved a ceiling of USD 70 million for corporate services advances for 2014 and looks forward to reviewing this regularly as part of future Management Plans;
- vii) took note of the intent to use the Programme Support and Administrative Equalization Account as a reserve of last resort for corporate services advances; and
- viii) looked forward to further discussions on the Financial Framework Review as outlined in the document.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

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2014/EB.A/9 Annual Report of the Audit Committee

The Board took note of "Annual Report of the Audit Committee" (WFP/EB. A/2014/6-E/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

5 June 2014

2014/EB.A/10 Annual Report of the WFP Inspector General and Note by the Executive Director

The Board took note of "Annual Report of the Inspector General" (WFP/EB. A/2014/6-F/1) and noted that the oversight work performed and reported did not disclose any significant weaknesses in the internal control, governance or risk management processes in place across WFP that would have a pervasive effect on the achievement of WFP's objectives.

The Board encouraged management to take advantage of the opportunities for further improvement highlighted in the report.

The Board took note of "Note by the Executive Director on the Annual Report of the WFP Inspector General" (WFP/EB.A/2014/6-F/1/Add.1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

4 June 2014

2014/EB.A/11 Report of the External Auditor on Food Procurement in WFP and WFP Management Response

The Board took note of "Report of the External Auditor on Food Procurement in WFP" (WFP/EB.A/2014/6-G/1), and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board took note of "WFP Management Response to the Recommendations of the Report of the External Auditor on Food Procurement in WFP" (WFP/EB.A/2014/6-G/1/Add.1 + Corr.1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

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2014/EB.A/12 Report of the External Auditor on United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot and WFP Management Response

The Board took note of "Report of the External Auditor on United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot" (WFP/EB.A/2014/6-H/1), and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board took note of "WFP Management Response to the Recommendations of the Report of the External Auditor on United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot" (WFP/EB.A/2014/6-H/1/Add.1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

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2014/EB.A/13 Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations

The Board took note of "Report on the Implementation of the External Auditor Recommendations" (WFP/EB.A/2014/6-I/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.A/2014/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K)/3).

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EVALUATION REPORTS

2014/EB.A/14 Annual Evaluation Report, 2013 and Management Response

The Board took note of "Annual Evaluation Report, 2013" (WFP/EB.A/2014/7-A) and the management response in WFP/EB.A/2014/7-A/Add.1, and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

5 June 2014

2014/EB.A/15 Synthesis Report of the Evaluation Series on the Impact of Food for Assets (2002-2011) and Management Response

The Board took note of "Synthesis Report of the Evaluation Series on the Impact of Food for Assets (2002-2011)" (WFP/EB.A/2014/7-B*) and the management response in WFP/EB.A/2014/7-B/Add.1*, and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

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LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2014/EB.A/16 Summary Evaluation Report — Central America Regional Portfolio (2007-2011) and Management Response

The Board took note of "Summary Evaluation Report - Central America Regional Portfolio (2007-2011)" (WFP/EB.A/2014/7-C) and the management response in WFP/EB.A/2014/7-C/Add.1, and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

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EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA PORTFOLIO

2014/EB.A/17 Country Programmes — Kenya 200680 (2014-2018)

After due consideration the Board approved, on an extraordinary basis, the proposed country programme Kenya 200680 (2014-2018) (WFP/EB.A/2014/8), for which the food requirement is 90,943 mt at a cost of USD 46.9 million and the cash transfer requirement is USD 6.8 million; the total cost to WFP is USD 129.1 million.

5 June 2014

2014/EB.A/18 Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations — Kenya 200174

The Board approved the proposed budget increase of USD 64.6 million for protracted relief and recovery operation Kenya 200174 "Food Assistance for Refugees" (WFP/EB. A/2014/9-D*) with a six-month extension from 1 October 2014 to 31 March 2015.

5 June 2014

2014/EB.A/19 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations — Burundi 200655

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Burundi 200655 "Assistance for Refugees and Vulnerable Food-Insecure Populations" (WFP/EB.A/2014/9-C/1*).

5 June 2014

ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2014/EB.A/20 Budget Increases to Development Activities — Country Programme Bangladesh 200243

The Board approved the proposed budget increase of USD 12.2 million for Bangladesh country programme 200243 (WFP/EB.A/2014/9-B).

5 June 2014

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2014/EB.A/21 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations — Mauritania 200640

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Mauritania 200640 "Protecting Livelihoods, Reducing Undernutrition and Building Resilience" (WFP/EB.A/2014/9-C/2*).

6 June 2014

MIDDLE EAST, NORTH AFRICA, EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2014/EB.A/22 Development Projects — Kyrgyz Republic 200662

The Board approved the proposed development project Kyrgyz Republic 200662 "Support for National Productive Safety Nets and Long-Term Community Resilience" (WFP/EB.A/2014/9-A), subject to the availability of resources, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

6 June 2014

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2014/EB.A/23 Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2014

The Board approved the document "Draft Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2014", the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.1/2014/13.

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- e) Annual Report of the Audit Committee (for consideration)
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7. Evaluation Reports

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- b) Synthesis Report of the Evaluation Series on the Impact of Food for Assets (2002-2011) and Management Response (for consideration)
- c) Summary Evaluation Report Central America Regional Portfolio (2007-2011) and Management Response (for consideration)
- d) Summary Report of the Peer Review of the Evaluation Function at the World Food Programme (for information)
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 - c) Protracted relief and recovery operations
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 - ➤ Kenya (refugees) 200174

10. Organizational and Procedural Matters

> Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2014-2015) (for information)

11. Administrative and Managerial Matters

- a) Address by Staff Representative Bodies to the Board
- b) Report on Post-Delivery Losses for the Period 1 January-31 December 2013 (for information)
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- d) Statistical Report on WFP International Professional Staff and Higher Categories (for information)
- e) WFP Security Report (for information)

12. Summary of the Work of the First Regular Session of the Executive Board, 2014 (for approval)

13. Other Business

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14. Verification of Adopted Decisions and Recommendations



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DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Adoption of the Agenda

The Board adopted the Agenda.

10 November 2014

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Ms Larissa Maria Lima Costa (Brazil, List C) Rapporteur of the Second Regular Session of 2014.

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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.

CURRENT AND FUTURE STRATEGIC ISSUES

2014/EB.2/1 Opening Remarks by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the presentation by the Executive Director. The main points of the presentation and the Board's comments would be contained in the summary of the work of the session.

10 November 2014

POLICY ISSUES

2014/EB.2/2 Update on the WFP Gender Policy

The Board took note of "Update on the WFP Gender Policy" (WFP/EB.2/2014/4-A).

10 November 2014

2014/EB.2/3 WFP People Strategy

The Board took note of "WFP People Strategy" (WFP/EB.2/2014/4-B).

10 November 2014

RESOURCE, FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY MATTERS

2014/EB.2/4 WFP Management Plan (2015-2017)

Having considered WFP's Management Plan (2015-2017), as submitted by the Executive Director in document WFP/EB.2/2014/5-A/1, the Board:

- took note that the 2015 Programme Support and Administrative appropriation and the provisional prioritized plan of work assume a funding level of USD 4.4 billion in 2015;
- ii) **took note** of the projected operational requirements of USD 7.45 billion for 2015, excluding any provision for unforeseen emergencies and including direct support costs, as outlined in Section III;
- iii) **approved** a 2015 Programme Support and Administrative appropriation of USD 281.8 million, to be allocated as follows:

Programme support: regional bureaux and country offices

Programme support: Headquarters USD 52.1 million

Management and administration USD 130.4 million

Total USD 281.8 million

- iv) **approved** a supplementary Programme Support and Administrative appropriation of USD 9.2 million for critical corporate initiatives, as outlined in Section IV;
- v) **approved** expenditure in 2015 of USD 750,000 from the General Fund for investment management costs;
- vi) approved a new Immediate Response Account target level of USD 200 million;
- vii) approved an indirect support cost recovery rate of 7.0 percent for 2015; and
- viii) authorized the Executive Director to adjust the Programme Support and Administrative component of the budget in accordance with any variation in the volume of operational requirements of more than 10 percent from levels outlined in Section III.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) (WFP/EB.2/2014/5(A,B,C,D,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2014/5(A,B,C,D,E)/3).

10 November 2014

2014/EB.2/5 Increased Fee for the External Auditor

The Board approved a second increase of 4 percent of the original annual remuneration of USD 385,000 payable to the External Auditor, involving a total increase of USD 15,400, on grounds of an increase in daily subsistence allowance, staff costs and airfare. As a result, the total annual fee is increased to USD 415,800, applicable from April 2014.

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2014/5(A,B,C,D,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2014/5(A,B,C,D,E)/3).

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2014/EB.2/6 Process for the Selection and Appointment of the WFP External Auditor for the Term from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2022

The Board approved the proposed "Process for the Selection and Appointment of the WFP External Auditor for the Term from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2022" (WFP/EB.2/2014/5-C/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2014/5(A,B,C,D,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2014/5(A,B,C,D,E)/3).

10 November 2014

2014/EB.2/7 Method for Determining the Indirect Support Cost Rate for WFP

The Board took note of "Method for Determining the Indirect Support Cost Rate for WFP" (WFP/EB.2/2014/5-D/1) and looked forward to concluding the review in 2015.

The Board approved the application of a single indirect support cost rate of 10 percent for private-sector donations, in accordance with the principle of full-cost recovery outlined in "WFP Private-Sector Partnerships and Fundraising Strategy (2013-2017)" (WFP/EB.A/2013/5-B).

The Board also took note of the comments of the ACABQ (WFP/EB.2/2014/5(A,B,C,D,E)/2) and the FAO Finance Committee (WFP/EB.2/2014/5(A,B,C,D,E)/3).

10 November 2014

EVALUATION REPORTS

2014/EB.2/8 Response to the Recommendations of the Summary Report of the Peer Review of the Evaluation Function at the World Food Programme

The Board took note of "Response to the Recommendations of the Summary Report of the Peer Review of the Evaluation Function at the World Food Programme" (WFP/EB.2/2014/6-D/Rev.1). With the purpose of promoting its ownership of, and productive dialogue with the Secretariat on, the development of the evaluation function at WFP, the Board also:

- i) requested the Secretariat to develop a set of key performance indicators to support the Board's oversight of evaluation across WFP, based on the indicators suggested by the peer review panel;
- ii) requested the Secretariat to report to the Board at its Second Regular Session in 2015 on progress made in this regard, and thereafter to report regularly against the key performance indicators through the Annual Evaluation Report;
- iii) requested that when it revised the 2008 evaluation policy, the Secretariat pay adequate attention to the need to have systems and processes in place to maximize the use of evaluation results in policy and strategy development, and in project and programme design; and
- iv) agreed to limit the Director of Evaluation to a non-renewable and non-repeatable six-year term, with no re-entry into WFP.

11 November 2014

2014/EB.2/9 Summary Report of the FAO/WFP Joint Evaluation of Food Security Cluster Coordination in Humanitarian Action (2009-2014) and Management Response

The Board took note of "Summary Report of the FAO/WFP Joint Evaluation of Food Security Cluster Coordination in Humanitarian Action (2009-2014)" (WFP/EB.2/2014/6-A) and the management response in WFP/EB.2/2014/6-A/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

11 November 2014

2014/EB.2/10 Synthesis Report of Operation Evaluations (July 2013-July 2014)

The Board took note of "Synthesis Report of Operation Evaluations (July 2013-July 2014)" (WFP/EB.2/2014/6-E) and encouraged the Secretariat to take into account the lessons included in the report and the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

11 November 2014

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2014/EB.2/11 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations — Mali 200719

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Mali 200719 "Saving Lives, Reducing Malnutrition and Rebuilding Livelihoods" (WFP/EB.2/2014/8-B/3).

11 November 2014

2014/EB.2/12 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations — Senegal 200681

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Senegal 200681 "Protecting Livelihoods and Promoting Resilience" (WFP/EB.2/2014/8-B/5).

11 November 2014

2014/EB.2/13 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations — Chad 200713

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Chad 200713 "Building Resilience, Protecting Livelihoods and Reducing Malnutrition of Refugees, Returnees and other Vulnerable People" (WFP/EB.2/2014/8-B/4).

11 November 2014

EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2014/EB.2/14 Summary Evaluation Report — Uganda Country Portfolio (2009-2013) and Management Response

The Board took note of "Summary Evaluation Report - Uganda Country Portfolio (2009-2013)" (WFP/EB.2/2014/6-B) and the management response in WFP/EB.2/2014/6-B/Add.1, and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

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2014/EB.2/15 Budget Increases to Development Activities — Uganda Country Programme 108070

The Board approved the proposed budget increase of USD 25.3 million for Uganda country programme 108070 (WFP/EB.2/2014/8-A) with an extension from 15 November 2014 to 31 December 2015.

12 November 2014

2014/EB.2/16 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations — Ethiopia 200700

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Ethiopia 200700 "Food Assistance for Eritrean, South Sudanese, Sudanese and Somali Refugees" (WFP/EB.2/2014/8-B/6).

12 November 2014

MIDDLE EAST, NORTH AFRICA, EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2014/EB.2/17 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations — State of Palestine 200709

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation State of Palestine 200709 "Food Assistance for Food-Insecure Populations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip" (WFP/EB.2/2014/8-B/1).

12 November 2014

SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2014/EB.2/18 Summary Evaluation Report — The Democratic Republic of the Congo Country Portfolio (2009-2013) and Management Response

The Board took note of "Summary Evaluation Report — The Democratic Republic of the Congo Country Portfolio (2009-2013)" (WFP/EB.2/2014/6-C) and the management response in WFP/EB.2/2014/6-C/Add.1, and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

12 November 2014

2014/EB.2/19 Country Programmes — The Congo 200648 (2015-2018)

The Board approved proposed country programme the Congo 200648 (2015-2018) (WFP/EB.2/2014/7/3), for which the food requirement is 16,889 mt at a cost of USD 24.5 million, the cash and voucher requirement is USD 18.1 million and the total cost to WFP is USD 56.8 million.

12 November 2014

2014/EB.2/20 Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations — Malawi 200692

The Board approved the proposed protracted relief and recovery operation Malawi 200692 "Responding to Humanitarian Needs and Strengthening Resilience" (WFP/EB.2/2014/8-B/2).

12 November 2014

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL PORTFOLIO

2014/EB.2/21 Country Programmes — Cuba 200703 (2015-2018)

The Board approved proposed country programme Cuba 200703 (2015-2018) (WFP/EB.2/2014/7/1/Rev.2), for which the food requirement is 5,421 mt at a cost of USD 3.8 million, with a total cost to WFP of USD 15.4 million.

12 November 2014

2014/EB.2/22 Country Programmes — Guatemala 200641 (2015-2019)

The Board approved proposed country programme Guatemala 200641 (2015-2019) (WFP/EB.2/2014/7/2), for which the food requirement is 12,005 mt at a cost of USD 10.8 million, the cash and voucher requirement is USD 3 million and the capacity development and augmentation requirement is USD 1.7 million, for a total cost to WFP of USD 20.2 million.

12 November 2014

ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2014/EB.2/23 Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2015-2016)

The Board approved "Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2015-2016)" (WFP/EB.2/2014/10*) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

13 November 2014

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

2014/EB.2/24 Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2014

The Board approved "Draft Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2014", the final version of which would be embodied in the document WFP/EB.A/2014/15.

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 - b) WFP People Strategy (for consideration)
 - c) Update on Collaboration among the Rome-Based Agencies (for information)
 - d) Update on WFP Peacebuilding Policy (for information)
 - e) Compendium of WFP Policies Relating to the Strategic Plan (for information)

5. Resource, Financial and Budgetary Matters

- a) WFP Management Plan (2015-2017) (for approval)
- b) Increased Fee for the External Auditor (for approval)
- c) Process for the Selection and Appointment of the WFP External Auditor for the term from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2022 (for approval)
- d) Method for Determining the Indirect Support Cost Rate for WFP (for approval)
- e) Work Plan of the External Auditor for the Period July 2014 to June 2015 (for information)
- 6. Evaluation Reports (for consideration)
 - a) Summary Report of the FAO/WFP Joint Evaluation of Food Security Cluster Coordination in Humanitarian Action (2009-2014) and Management Response
 - b) Summary Evaluation Report Uganda Country Portfolio (2009-2013) and Management Response
 - c) Summary Evaluation Report The Democratic Republic of the Congo Country Portfolio (2009-2013) and Management Response
 - d) Response to the Recommendations of the Summary Report of the Peer Review of the Evaluation Function at the World Food Programme
 - e) Synthesis Report of 2013-2014 Operations Evaluations

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7. Country Programmes (for approval)

- Cuba 200703 (2015-2018)
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8. Projects for Executive Board Approval (for approval)

- a) Budget increases to development activities
 - Uganda CP 108070
- b) Protracted relief and recovery operations
 - ➤ Chad 200713
 - Ethiopia (refugees) 200700
 - Malawi 200692
 - Mali 200719
 - ➤ State of Palestine 200709
 - Senegal 200681

9. Reports of the Executive Director on Operational Matters (for information)

- c) Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations approved by the Executive Director (1 January-30 June 2014)
 - ➤ Bangladesh 200673
 - ➤ Ghana 200675
 - Guinea 200687
- d) Budget Increases to Protracted Relief and Recovery Operations Approved by the Executive Director (1 January-30 June 2014)
- e) Emergency Operations Approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 January-30 June 2014)

10. Organizational and Procedural Matters

- Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board (2015-2016) (for approval)
- 11. Summary of the Work of the Annual Session of the Executive Board, 2014 (for approval)

12. Other Business

- Report on the Field Visit to the Lao People's Democratic Republic of the WFP Executive Board (for information)
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