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Decisions and recommendations of the regular session of the Executive Board

2019 first

Executive Board Bureau

President:	H.E. Hisham Mohamed Badr (Egypt)
Alternate:	Her Excellency Lineo Irene Molise-Mabusela (Lesotho)
Vice-President:	H.E. Dr. Ulrich Seidenberger (Germany)
Alternate:	Mr Bruce Campbell (Switzerland)
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Alternate:	H.E. Artur Andrzej Pollok (Poland)
Rapporteur:	Mr Salman Pervaiz (Pakistan)

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Decisions and recommendations

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.

25 February 2019

Election of the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board, the Board elected H.E. Hisham Mohamed Badr (Egypt, List A) as President for a one-year term. Her Excellency Lineo Irene Molise-Mabusela (Lesotho, List A) was elected as Alternate.

The Board elected H.E. Dr. Ulrich Seidenberger (Germany, List D) as Vice-President. Mr Bruce Campbell (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 Yousef Juhail (Kuwait, List B); Her Excellency Karla Gabriela Samayoa Recari (Guatemala, List C); and H.E. Victor Vasiliev (Russian Federation, List E). Elected as Alternates were: Ms So-Youn Hong (Republic of Korea, List B); Mr Luís Fernando de Carvalho (Brazil, List C); and H.E. Artur Andrzej Pollok (Poland, List E).

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Salman Pervaiz (Pakistan, List B) Rapporteur of the 2019 first regular session.

25 February 2019

Current and future strategic issues

2019/EB.1/1

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.

25 February 2019

West Africa portfolio

2019/EB.1/2 **Country strategic plan – Côte d'Ivoire (2019–2023)**

The Board approved the Côte d'Ivoire country strategic plan (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.1/2019/8-A/4) at a total cost to WFP of USD 82,768,485.

25 February 2019

2019/EB.1/3 **Country strategic plan – Nigeria (2019–2022)**

The Board approved the Nigeria country strategic plan (2019–2022) (WFP/EB.1/2019/8-A/8) at a total cost to WFP of USD 587,524,542.

25 February 2019

Annual reports

2019/EB.1/4 **Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2017 and management note**

The Board took note of the annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2017 set out in document WFP/EB.1/2019/4-A.

25 February 2019

Policy issues

2019/EB.1/5 **Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) (repositioning the United Nations development system)**

The Board,

1. Took note of the rules of procedure of the executive boards of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and WFP;
2. Recalled decision 2018/EB.2/29 on working methods of the Executive Boards in which the Bureau of WFP, in collaboration with the Bureaux of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN-Women, was asked to launch a joint consultative process with the Member States starting at the 2019 first regular session;

3. Took note with appreciation of the formation of the core group of Member States to lead the joint consultative process with Member States, in an open, transparent and inclusive manner, with a view to examining the efficiency and quality of its current sessions, as well as the functions of the joint meetings of the Boards, building on the joint response prepared by the secretariats, and in close consultation with all Member States, seeking Member States' input to the written account of the core group;
4. Requested the executive board secretariats to support the core group, upon request, in analysing the effects of its findings and suggestions;
5. Looked forward to the written account of the core group, to be presented at the joint meeting of the Boards in May 2019, for subsequent consideration of its findings and recommendations by the members and observers of the respective boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP.

26 February 2019

Evaluation reports

2019/EB.1/6

Summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's support for enhanced resilience and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's support for enhanced resilience set out in document WFP/EB.1/2019/7-A and the management response set out in document WFP/EB.1/2019/7-A/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

26 February 2019

East Africa portfolio

2019/EB.1/7

Summary evaluation report – Ethiopia country portfolio (2012–2017) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the Ethiopia country portfolio for 2012–2017 set out in document WFP/EB.1/2019/7-B and the management response set out in document WFP/EB.1/2019/7-B/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

26 February 2019

2019/EB.1/8

Interim country strategic plan – Ethiopia (2019–2020)

The Board approved the Ethiopia interim country strategic plan (2019–2020) (WFP/EB.1/2019/8-B/2) at a total cost to WFP of USD 871,337,120.

26 February 2019

Middle East, North Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia portfolio

2019/EB.1/9

Interim country strategic plan – Libya (2019–2020)

The Board approved the Libya interim country strategic plan (2019–2020) (WFP/EB.1/2019/8-B/3) at a total cost to WFP of USD 60,517,166.

26 February 2019

Southern Africa portfolio

2019/EB.1/10

Country strategic plan – Congo (2019–2023)

The Board approved the Congo country strategic plan (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.1/2019/8-A/3/Rev.1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 97,921,641.

26 February 2019

2019/EB.1/11

Country strategic plan – Malawi (2019–2023)

The Board approved the Malawi country strategic plan (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.1/2019/8-A/6) at a total cost to WFP of USD 619,800,513.

27 February 2019

Latin America and the Caribbean portfolio

2019/EB.1/12

Country strategic plan – Dominican Republic (2019–2023)

The Board approved the Dominican Republic country strategic plan (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.1/2019/8-A/5) at a total cost to WFP of USD 10,174,911.

27 February 2019

2019/EB.1/13 Country strategic plan – Nicaragua (2019–2023)

The Board approved the Nicaragua country strategic plan (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.1/2019/8-A/7) at a total cost to WFP of USD 68,370,439.

27 February 2019

Asia and the Pacific portfolio**2019/EB.1/14 Country strategic plan – Bhutan (2019–2023)**

The Board approved the Bhutan country strategic plan (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.1/2019/8-A/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 8,942,053.

27 February 2019

2019/EB.1/15 Country strategic plan – Cambodia (2019–2023)

The Board approved the Cambodia country strategic plan (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.1/2019/8-A/2) at a total cost to WFP of USD 50,241,310.

27 February 2019

2019/EB.1/16 Interim country strategic plan – Democratic People's Republic of Korea (2019–2021)

The Board approved the Democratic People's Republic of Korea interim country strategic plan (2019–2021) (WFP/EB.1/2019/8-B/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 161,070,534.

27 February 2019

Administrative and managerial matters**2019/EB.1/17 Appointment of one member to the Audit Committee**

The Board approved the appointment of one Audit Committee member as follows:

- Mr Robert Samels (Canada), from 1 March 2019 to 28 February 2022.

26 February 2019

2019/EB.1/18

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.1/2019/10-B) and endorsed the responses to the Joint Inspection Unit’s recommendations to the legislative bodies included in the annexes to the document.

26 February 2019

Summary of the work of the Executive Board

2019/EB.1/19

Summary of the work of the 2018 second regular session of the Executive Board

The Board approved the draft summary of the work of its 2018 second regular session, the final version of which would be embodied in document WFP/EB.2/2018/14.

27 February 2019

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4. **Annual reports**
 - a) Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2017 and management note *(for consideration)*
5. **Policy issues**
 - a) Revised charter of the Office of the Inspector General *(for consideration)* – POSTPONED TO THE 2019 ANNUAL SESSION
 - b) Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) (repositioning the United Nations development system) *(for information)*
6. **Resource, budgetary and financial matters**
 - a) Update on the Management Plan (2019–2021) *(for approval)* – WITHDRAWN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD BUREAU AT ITS MEETING OF 20 FEBRUARY 2019
7. **Evaluation reports** *(for consideration)*
 - a) Summary evaluation report of the strategic evaluation of WFP's support for enhanced resilience and management response
 - b) Summary evaluation report – Ethiopia country portfolio (2012–2017) and management response
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f) Crisis response revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases, submitted to the Board for comments (*for information*)

1) Bangladesh

2) Democratic Republic of the Congo

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

a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2019–2020) (*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) Oral update on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination (*for consideration*)

11. ***Summary of the work of the 2018 second regular session of the Executive Board (for approval)***

12. ***Other business***

a) Report on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board (*for information*)

b) Oral update on United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (*for information*)

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



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Alternate:	H.E. Artur Andrzej Pollok (Poland)
Rapporteur:	Her Excellency María Cristina Boldorini (Argentina)

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Decisions and recommendations

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 for its 2019 annual session.

10 June 2019

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Her Excellency María Cristina Boldorini (Argentina, List C) Rapporteur for its 2019 annual session.

10 June 2019

Current and future strategic issues

2019/EB.A/1

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.

10 June 2019

Annual reports

2019/EB.A/2

Annual performance report for 2018

The Board approved the annual performance report for 2018 (WFP/EB.A/2019/4-A/Rev.2), 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, to resolution [E/2013/L.17](#) of the United Nations Economic and Social Council and to 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 2018 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 2018.

The Board looked forward to reporting against the targets set in the Corporate Results Framework Part II in next year's annual performance report and encouraged WFP to continue to improve the quality of the data used to report on its work.

10 June 2019

2019/EB.A/3

Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2018

The Board took note of the annual report of the Ethics Office for 2018 (WFP/EB.A/2019/4-B). The Board encouraged management to provide, to the extent available, the necessary resources to the Ethics Office to fulfill its mandate.

11 June 2019

2019/EB.A/4

Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2018 and management response

The Board took note of the annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2018 (WFP/EB.A/2019/4-C). The Board encouraged management to provide, to the extent available, the necessary resources to the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services to fulfill its mandate.

11 June 2019

Policy issues

2019/EB.A/5

Revised Corporate Results Framework (2017–2021) – Part II: 2021 targets for the programmatic outputs and performance indicators

Having considered the proposed Part II of the Revised Corporate Results Framework (2017–2021) the Board:

- approved the annual targets up to 2021 for selected programmatic output indicators and all management performance indicators from the revised Corporate Results Framework (2017–2021);
- approved targets up to 2021 for selected category II indicators from the Management Plan (2019–2021); and
- acknowledged that annual changes to these targets would be included for Board approval in the management plan and that actual achievements would be reported in the annual performance report.

The Board requested management that the next corporate results framework from 2022 include output and outcome targets. The Board noted that the mid-term review of the Strategic Plan (2017–2021) would begin in 2019 and requested management to use this to consider how the theory of change approach could guide the development of outcome targets in WFP's next strategic plan.

13 June 2019

2019/EB.A/6

Update on the implementation of the 2018 Enterprise Risk Management Policy and WFP's Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Action Plan (2018–2020)

The Board took note of the update on the implementation of the 2018 Enterprise Risk Management Policy and WFP's Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Action Plan (2018–2020) (WFP/EB.A/2019/5-C).

13 June 2019

2019/EB.A/7

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/2019/5-D/Rev.1).

13 June 2019

2019/EB.A/8

Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) (repositioning the United Nations development system)

The Board emphasized that it remained committed to formulating and implementing joint working methods unless they were, due to the operational mandate of WFP, its institutional set-up or its Rome-based context (e.g. the Rome-based agency calendar, Rome-based agency collaboration), not applicable or relevant for WFP.

13 June 2019

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

2019/EB.A/9

Audited annual accounts for 2018

The Board:

- i) approved the 2018 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 705,262 during 2018 for the write-off of receivables; and

iii) noted losses of commodities during 2018 forming part of operating expenses for the same period.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (WFP/EB.A/2019/6(A,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/2019/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

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2019/EB.A/10

Update on the WFP Management Plan (2019–2021)

The Board approved the update on the WFP Management Plan (2019–2021) (WFP/EB.A/2019/6-B/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (WFP/EB.A/2019/6(A,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/2019/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

11 June 2019

2019/EB.A/11

Annual report of the Audit Committee

The Board took note of the annual report of the Audit Committee (WFP/EB.A/2019/6-C/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (WFP/EB.A/2019/6(A,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/2019/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

12 June 2019

2019/EB.A/12

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/2019/6-D/1) and noted that based on the risk-based oversight work performed and reported in 2018 no material weaknesses had been 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 encouraged management to take advantage of the opportunities for improvement highlighted in the report.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (WFP/EB.A/2019/6(A,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/2019/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

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2019/EB.A/13

Report of the External Auditor on country portfolio budgets and WFP management response to the recommendations

The Board took note of the report of the External Auditor on country portfolio budgets (WFP/EB.A/2019/6-E/1) and management response (WFP/EB.A/2019/6-E/1/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations of the External Auditor, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (WFP/EB.A/2019/6(A,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/2019/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

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2019/EB.A/14

Report of the External Auditor on fraud prevention, detection and response and WFP management response to the recommendations

The Board took note of the report of the External Auditor on fraud prevention, detection and response (WFP/EB.A/2019/6-F/1) and management response (WFP/EB.A/2019/6-F/1/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations of the External Auditor, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (WFP/EB.A/2019/6(A,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/2019/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

12 June 2019

2019/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/2019/6-G/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (WFP/EB.A/2019/6(A,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/2019/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

12 June 2019

2019/EB.A/16

Report on the utilization of WFP's advance financing mechanisms during the period 1 January–31 December 2018

The Board took note of the report on the utilization of WFP's advance financing mechanisms during the period 1 January–31 December 2018 (WFP/EB.A/2019/6-H/1) and approved an increase in the ceiling of the Global Commodity Management Facility from USD 500 million to USD 560 million.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (WFP/EB.A/2019/6(A,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/2019/6(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I)/3).

12 June 2019

Evaluation reports

2019/EB.A/17

Annual evaluation report for 2018 and management response

The Board took note of the annual evaluation report for 2018 (WFP/EB.A/2019/7-A) and management response (WFP/EB.A/2019/7-A/Add.1) and encouraged further action, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

12 June 2019

2019/EB.A/18

Summary report on the evaluation of the update of WFP's safety nets policy (2012) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the update of WFP's safety nets policy (2012) (WFP/EB.A/2019/7-B) and management response (WFP/EB.A/2019/7-B/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

12 June 2019

2019/EB.A/19

Synthesis report of WFP's country portfolio evaluations in Africa (2016–2018) and management response

The Board took note of the synthesis report of WFP's country portfolio evaluations in Africa (2016–2018) (WFP/EB.A/2019/7-C) and management response (WFP/EB.A/2019/7-C/Add.1) and

encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

12 June 2019

2019/EB.A/20 **Implementation status of evaluation recommendations**

The Board took note of the document entitled “Implementation status of evaluation recommendations” (WFP/EB.A/2019/7-D).

12 June 2019

Southern Africa portfolio

2019/EB.A/21 **Country strategic plan – Lesotho (2019–2024)**

The Board approved the Lesotho country strategic plan (2019–2024) (WFP/EB.A/2019/8-A/5) at a total cost to WFP of USD 110,748,948.

10 June 2019

2019/EB.A/22 **Country strategic plan – Madagascar (2019–2024)**

The Board approved the Madagascar country strategic plan (2019–2024) (WFP/EB.A/2019/8-A/7) at a total cost to WFP of USD 297,424,041.

10 June 2019

2019/EB.A/23 **Country strategic plan – Zambia (2019–2024)**

The Board approved the Zambia country strategic plan (2019–2024) (WFP/EB.A/2019/8-A/12) at a total cost to WFP of USD 76,169,057.

10 June 2019

Middle East, North Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia portfolio

2019/EB.A/24 **Interim country strategic plan – Algeria (2019–2022)**

The Board approved the Algeria interim country strategic plan (2019–2022) (WFP/EB.A/2019/8-B/1/Rev.1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 58,965,759.

11 June 2019

- 2019/EB.A/25 **Country strategic plan – Armenia (2019–2024)**
- The Board approved the Armenia country strategic plan (2019–2024) (WFP/EB.A/2019/8-A/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 27,928,197.
- 11 June 2019*
- 2019/EB.A/26 **Country strategic plan – Morocco (2019–2021)**
- The Board approved the Morocco country strategic plan (2019–2021) (WFP/EB.A/2019/8-A/8/Rev.1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 400,000.
- 11 June 2019*
- 2019/EB.A/27 **Country strategic plan – Tajikistan (2019–2024)**
- The Board approved the Tajikistan country strategic plan (2019–2024) (WFP/EB.A/2019/8-A/10) at a total cost to WFP of USD 82,036,882.
- 11 June 2019*

Asia and the Pacific portfolio

- 2019/EB.A/28 **Interim multi-country strategic plan – Pacific (2019–2022)**
- The Board:
- i) approved the Pacific interim multi-country strategic plan (2019–2022) (WFP/EB.A/2019/8-B/3) at a total cost to WFP of USD 12,925,215; and
 - ii) taking note of the prefatory note in document WFP/EB.A/2019/8-B/3, decided that in the application of the General Rules and Financial Regulations of WFP for the purposes of the implementation of the Pacific interim multi-country strategic plan (2019–2022) the phrase “Interim Country Strategic Plan” would be understood to refer to the Pacific interim multi-country strategic plan (2019–2022) and the word “country” would be understood to refer to the several countries and territories covered by the Pacific interim multi-country strategic plan.
- 13 June 2019*

Latin America and the Caribbean portfolio

2019/EB.A/29 **Country strategic plan – Haiti (2019–2023)**

The Board approved the Haiti country strategic plan (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.A/2019/8-A/4) at a total cost to WFP of USD 199,155,529.

13 June 2019

West Africa portfolio

2019/EB.A/30 **Country strategic plan – Benin (2019–2023)**

The Board approved the Benin country strategic plan (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.A/2019/8-A/2) at a total cost to WFP of USD 129,476,091.

14 June 2019

2019/EB.A/31 **Country strategic plan – Guinea-Bissau (2019–2024)**

The Board approved the Guinea-Bissau country strategic plan (2019–2024) (WFP/EB.A/2019/8-A/3) at a total cost to WFP of USD 61,610,662.

14 June 2019

2019/EB.A/32 **Country strategic plan – Liberia (2019–2023)**

The Board approved the Liberia country strategic plan (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.A/2019/8-A/6) at a total cost to WFP of USD 50,169,116.

14 June 2019

2019/EB.A/33 **Country strategic plan – Sao Tome and Principe (2019–2024)**

The Board approved the Sao Tome and Principe country strategic plan (2019–2024) (WFP/EB.A/2019/8-A/9) at a total cost to WFP of USD 1,588,903.

14 June 2019

2019/EB.A/34 **Interim country strategic plan – Guinea (2019–2022)**

The Board approved the Guinea interim country strategic plan (2019–2022) (WFP/EB.A/2019/8-B/2) at a total cost to WFP of USD 40,302,571.

14 June 2019

Summary of the work of the Executive Board

2019/EB.A/35

Summary of the work of the 2019 first regular session of the Executive Board

The Board approved the draft summary of the work of its 2019 first regular session, the final version of which would be embodied in document WFP/EB.1/2019/14.

14 June 2019

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1. **Adoption of the agenda** (*for approval*)
2. **Appointment of the Rapporteur**
3. **Opening remarks by the Executive Director**
Statement by His Majesty King Letsie III of the Kingdom of Lesotho
4. **Annual reports**
 - a) Annual performance report for 2018 (*for approval*)
 - b) Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2018 (*for consideration*)
 - c) Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2018 and management note (*for consideration*)
5. **Policy issues**
 - a) Revised Corporate Results Framework (2017–2021) – Part II: 2021 targets for the programmatic outputs and performance indicators (*for approval*)
 - b) Revised charter of the Office of the Inspector General (*for approval*) – POSTPONED TO THE 2019 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
 - c) Update on the implementation of the 2018 Enterprise Risk Management Policy and WFP’s Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Action Plan (2018–2020) (*for consideration*)
 - d) Update on WFP’s role in the collective humanitarian response (*for consideration*)
 - e) Update on the gender policy (2015–2020) (*for information*)*
 - f) Update on WFP’s response to HIV and AIDS (*for information*)
 - g) Update on WFP’s implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) (repositioning the United Nations development system) (*for information*)*
6. **Resource, financial and budgetary matters**
 - a) Audited annual accounts, 2018 (*for approval*)
 - b) Update on the WFP Management Plan (2019–2021) (*for approval*)
 - c) Annual report of the Audit Committee (*for consideration*)

* To be discussed at the session.

- d) Annual report of the Inspector General (*for consideration*) and note by the Executive Director (*for consideration*)
- e) Report of the External Auditor on country portfolio budgets (*for consideration*) and WFP management response to the recommendations (*for consideration*)
- f) Report of the External Auditor on fraud prevention, detection and response (*for consideration*) and WFP management response to the recommendations (*for consideration*)
- g) Report on the implementation of the External Auditor recommendations (*for consideration*)
- h) Report on the utilization of WFP's advance financing mechanisms during the period 1 January–31 December 2018 (*for approval*)
- i) Report of the Executive Director on contributions in the form of commodities or services and on reductions or waivers of costs (General Rule XIII.4 (h)) (*for information*)

7. **Evaluation reports** (*for consideration*)

- a) Annual evaluation report for 2018 and management response
- b) Summary report on the evaluation of the update of WFP's safety nets policy (2012) and management response
- c) Synthesis report of WFP's country portfolio evaluations in Africa (2016–2018) and management response
- d) Implementation status of evaluation recommendations

8. **Operational matters**

- a) Country strategic plans (*for approval*)
 - 1) Armenia (2019–2024)
 - 2) Benin (2019–2023)
 - 3) Guinea-Bissau (2019–2024)
 - 4) Haiti (2019–2023)
 - 5) Lesotho (2019–2024)
 - 6) Liberia (2019–2023)
 - 7) Madagascar (2019–2024)
 - 8) Morocco (2019–2021)

- 9) Sao Tome and Principe (2019–2024)
 - 10) Tajikistan (2019–2024)
 - 11) Togo (2019–2023) – POSTPONED TO THE 2019 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
 - 12) Zambia (2019–2024)
 - b) Interim country strategic plans (*for approval*)
 - 1) Algeria (2019–2022)
 - 2) Guinea (2019–2022)
 - 3) Pacific interim multi-country strategic plan (2019–2022)
 - c) Projects approved by correspondence (*for information*)
 - 1) Budget revisions and extensions in time of transitional interim country strategic plans
 - 1) Iraq
 - 2) Mali
 - d) Crisis response revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases submitted to the Board for comments (*for information*)
 - 1) Colombia
 - 2) Eswatini
9. **Organizational and procedural matters**
- a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2019–2020) (*for information*)
10. **Administrative and managerial matters**
- a) Oral update on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination (*for consideration*)
 - b) Address by staff representative bodies to the Board
 - c) Report on global losses for the period 1 January–31 December 2018 (*for information*)
 - d) Update on food procurement (*for information*)
 - e) Statistical report on international professional staff and higher categories at 31 December 2018 (*for information*)*
 - f) Security report (*for information*)
11. **Summary of the work of the 2019 first regular session of the Executive Board** (*for approval*)

12. Other business

- a) Oral report on the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (*for information*)
- 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 WFP operations in Yemen

13. Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations



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Decisions and recommendations

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.

18 November 2019

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with Rule XII of its Rules of Procedure, the Board appointed Mr Bruce Campbell (Switzerland, List D) Rapporteur of the 2019 second regular session.

18 November 2019

Current and future strategic issues

2019/EB.2/1 **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.

18 November 2019

Policy issues

2019/EB.2/2 **Private-sector partnerships and fundraising strategy (2020–2025)**

The Board, having considered the document "Private-sector partnerships and fundraising strategy (2020–2025): Cooperation with the private sector, foundations and individuals for the achievement of zero hunger" (WFP/EB.2/2019/4-A/Rev.1):

- approved the strategy, including the proposed funding approach;
- noted that the funding approach envisioned the employment of a retention mechanism, as detailed in paragraphs 15–21 of section C of annex II to the strategy, in accordance with which a portion of individual giving income would be retained and reinvested in individual giving fundraising activities as detailed in paragraphs 32–36 of the strategy;
- noted also that the proportion of each contribution retained in accordance with the retention mechanism ("the retention percentage") would not exceed a ceiling of 29 percent;
- noted further that the Executive Director would set the retention percentage, within the 29 percent ceiling, from time to time throughout the duration of the strategy and requested the Executive

Director to report to it annually, through the management plan, on the retention percentages in effect throughout the duration of the strategy.

18 November 2019

2019/EB.2/3 **Revised Charter of the Office of the Inspector General**

The Board approved the revised Charter of the Office of the Inspector General (WFP/EB.2/2019/4-B/1) with immediate effect.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (WFP/EB.2/2019/4-(B,D)/2 and WFP/EB.2/2019/5-(A,B)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2019/4-(B,D)/3 and WFP/EB.2/2019/5-(A,B)/3).

18 November 2019

2019/EB.2/4 **Local and regional food procurement policy**

The Board approved the local and regional food procurement policy (WFP/EB.2/2019/4-C) and encouraged WFP to leverage local and regional food procurement and related partnerships as tools that contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 2 and other Sustainable Development Goals.

18 November 2019

2019/EB.2/5 **Update on the Integrated Road Map**

Having considered the update on the Integrated Road Map (WFP/EB.2/2019/4-D/1) the Board:

- i) recalled paragraph vi of its decision 2017/EB.2/2, whereby it approved interim delegations of authority from 1 January 2018 to 29 February 2020 and decided that delegations of authority would be presented for its approval, following a review of the interim delegations of authority, at its 2020 first regular session;
- ii) noted that a review of the interim delegations of authority was undertaken, took note of the review findings and proposals in respect of delegations of authority set forth in paragraphs 39–81 of document WFP/EB.2/2019/4-D/1 and requested the Secretariat to continue to work on the proposals with a view to finalizing and submitting them to the Board for approval at its 2020 first regular session;
- iii) recalled the multi-country strategic plan concept described in the update on the Integrated Road Map set out in document WFP/EB.2/2018/5-A/1; and

- iv) took note of the policy in respect of multi-country strategic plans and accompanying rule changes set forth in paragraphs 103–109 and annex V of document WFP/EB.2/2019/4-D/1 and requested the Secretariat to finalize both the policy and the rule changes and submit them to the Executive Board for approval at its 2020 first regular session.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (WFP/EB.2/2019/4-(B,D)/2 and WFP/EB.2/2019/5-(A,B)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2019/4-(B,D)/3 and WFP/EB.2/2019/5-(A,B)/3).

18 November 2019

2019/EB.2/6

Update on collaboration among the Rome-based agencies

The Board took note of the update on collaboration among the Rome-based agencies (RBAs) (WFP/EB.2/2019/4-E/Rev.2).

The Board welcomed the pilot joint country strategies and looked forward to the reporting on these pilots and the preparation of more such strategies and noted the information that there were 34 new United Nations common country analyses in preparation for 2020.

The Board appreciated the continued strong commitment of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and WFP to strengthen the partnerships and collaboration focusing on the synergies and complementarities of the RBAs and asked for more visibility on concrete achievements, especially at the country level.

The Board requested that in future reports RBA management focus on strategic issues and lessons learned, challenges faced, impacts, concrete achievements and financial benefits arising from RBA collaboration, particularly at the country level.

Following up on the discussions at the Third Annual Joint Informal Meeting of the three RBA Governing Bodies on 13 September 2019, in particular on the agenda item concerning “common services”, the Board requested WFP management, together with FAO and IFAD, to provide a first assessment regarding the feasibility of integrating administrative functions and greater collaboration in some oversight functions. This assessment should also encompass an analysis of the potential added value of a common specialized expertise for all three RBAs on investigative functions related to allegations of sexual harassment, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse.

The Board requested WFP management to report back at the Executive Board Second Regular Session in 2020.

19 November 2019

Other business

2019/EB.2/7

Oral update on preparations for the 2021 United Nations Summit on Food Systems

Acknowledging the necessary active role of the Rome-based agencies in preparing for the World Food System Summit under the direct leadership of the United Nations Secretary-General, the Board likewise emphasized the need for Member States to be fully involved in the preparatory process from the beginning.

19 November 2019

Administrative and managerial matters

2019/EB.2/8

Report of the joint Board/management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination

The Board:

- i) appreciated the progress report of the joint Executive Board/WFP management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination and on sexual exploitation and abuse (WFP/EB.2/2019/9-A);
- ii) endorsed the recommendations set forth in the report and requested WFP to develop a comprehensive action plan in respect of them for consideration by the Board at its 2020 first regular session;
- iii) decided to extend the mandate of the joint working group up to the Board's 2020 first regular session; and
- iv) decided to remain seized of the matters of harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power, discrimination and sexual exploitation and abuse at WFP.

19 November 2019

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

2019/EB.2/9

WFP Management Plan (2020–2022)

Having considered the WFP Management Plan (2020–2022) (WFP/EB.2/2019/5-A/1), the Board:

- i) noted that the 2020 programme support and administrative appropriation assumed a funding level of USD 7.45 billion in 2020;
- ii) took note of the projected operational requirements of USD 10.6 billion for 2020, as outlined in section III of the Management Plan (2020–2022);
- iii) approved a 2020 programme support and administrative appropriation of USD 423.6 million, to be allocated as follows:

strategy and direction	USD 71.0 million
services to operations	USD 237.0 million
governance, independent oversight and fundraising	USD 115.6 million
Total	USD 423.6 million

iv) approved the following uses of the programme support and administrative equalization account:

- a transfer of USD 22.5 million to the immediate response account reserve; and
- allocation of USD 39.7 million for critical corporate initiatives

v) approved a standard indirect support cost recovery rate of 6.5 percent for 2020 for all contributions except for governments' contributions to programmes in their own countries and contributions made by developing countries or countries with economies in transition, as determined by the Executive Board, for which an indirect support cost recovery rate of 4 percent would apply in 2020;

vi) approved a ceiling of USD 82 million for corporate services advances from 2020 and looked forward to reviewing this as part of future management plans; and

vii) authorized the Executive Director to adjust the programme support and administrative component of the budget in accordance with a change in the level of the forecasted income for the year, at a rate not to exceed 2 percent of the anticipated change in income.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (WFP/EB.2/2019/4-(B,D)/2 and WFP/EB.2/2019/5-(A,B)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2019/4-(B,D)/3 and WFP/EB.2/2019/5-(A,B)/3).

19 November 2019

Middle East, North Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia portfolio

2019/EB.2/10 Revision of Lebanon country strategic plan and corresponding budget increase

The Board approved the revision of the Lebanon country strategic plan and the corresponding budget increase of USD 507,481,496 outlined in document WFP/EB.2/2019/7-C/1.

19 November 2019

2019/EB.2/11 Country strategic plan – Iraq (2020–2024)

The Board approved the Iraq country strategic plan (2020–2024) (WFP/EB.2/2019/7-A/3) at a total cost to WFP of USD 460,514,522.

19 November 2019

2019/EB.2/12 **Country strategic plan – Jordan (2020–2022)**

The Board approved the Jordan country strategic plan (2020–2022) (WFP/EB.2/2019/7-A/4) at a total cost to WFP of USD 699,563,116.

19 November 2019

2019/EB.2/13 **Interim country strategic plan –Turkey (2020–2021)**

The Board approved the Turkey interim country strategic plan (2020–2021) (WFP/EB.2/2019/7-B/4/Rev.1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 225,085,132.

19 November 2019

Latin America and the Caribbean portfolio

2019/EB.2/14 **Interim country strategic plan – Caribbean interim multi-country strategic plan (2020–2021)**

The Board:

- i) approved the Caribbean interim multi-country strategic plan (2020–2021) (WFP/EB.2/2019/7-B/2/Rev.1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 9,025,444; and
- ii) taking note of the prefatory note in document WFP/EB.2/2019/7-B/2/Rev.1, decided that in the application of the General Rules and Financial Regulations of WFP for the purposes of the implementation of the Caribbean interim multi-country strategic plan (2020–2021) the phrase “Interim Country Strategic Plan” would be understood to refer to the Caribbean interim multi-country strategic plan (2020–2021) and the word “country” would be understood to refer to the several countries covered by the Caribbean interim multi-country strategic plan.

20 November 2019

2019/EB.2/15 **Interim country strategic plan – Cuba (2020)**

The Board approved the Cuba interim country strategic plan (2020) (WFP/EB.2/2019/7-B/3) at a total cost to WFP of USD 5,593,466.

20 November 2019

2019/EB.2/16 **Revision of Peru country strategic plan and corresponding budget increase**

The Board approved the revision of the Peru country strategic plan and the corresponding budget increase of USD 17,748,712 outlined in document WFP/EB.2/2019/7-C/2.

20 November 2019

West Africa portfolio**2019/EB.2/17 Summary report on the evaluation of the WFP corporate (Level 3) emergency response in northeast Nigeria (2016–2018) and management response**

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the WFP corporate (Level 3) emergency response in northeast Nigeria (2016–2018) (WFP/EB.2/2019/6-A) and the management response (WFP/EB.2/2019/6-A/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

20 November 2019

2019/EB.2/18 Country strategic plan – Mali (2020–2024)

The Board approved the Mali country strategic plan (2020–2024) (WFP/EB.2/2019/7-A/5/Rev.1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 525,128,912.

20 November 2019

2019/EB.2/19 Country strategic plan – the Niger (2020–2024)

The Board approved the Niger country strategic plan (2020–2024) (WFP/EB.2/2019/7-A/6) at a total cost to WFP of USD 1,055,624,308.

20 November 2019

2019/EB.2/20 Country strategic plan – Sierra Leone (2020–2024)

The Board approved the Sierra Leone country strategic plan (2020–2024) (WFP/EB.2/2019/7-A/7) at a total cost to WFP of USD 53,256,134.

20 November 2019

East Africa portfolio**2019/EB.2/21 Country strategic plan – Djibouti (2020–2024)**

The Board approved the Djibouti country strategic plan (2020–2024) (WFP/EB.2/2019/7-A/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 74,120,295.

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Southern Africa portfolio

2019/EB.2/22 **Country strategic plan – Eswatini (2020–2024)**

The Board approved the Eswatini country strategic plan (2020–2024) (WFP/EB.2/2019/7-A/2) at a total cost to WFP of USD 26,284,469.

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2019/EB.2/23 **Interim country strategic plan – Angola (2020–2022)**

The Board approved the Angola interim country strategic plan (2020–2022) (WFP/EB.2/2019/7-B/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 28,485,010.

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Organizational and procedural matters

2019/EB.2/24 **Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2020–2021)**

The Board approved the biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2020–2021) (WFP/EB.2/2019/8-A) as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

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Summary of the work of the Executive Board

2019/EB.2/25 **Summary of the work of the 2019 annual session of the Executive Board**

The Board approved the draft summary of the work of its 2019 annual session, the final version of which would be embodied in document WFP/EB.A/2019/14.

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ANNEX**Agenda**

1. **Adoption of the agenda** *(for approval)*
2. **Appointment of the Rapporteur**
3. **Opening remarks by the Executive Director**
4. **Policy issues**
 - a) Private-sector partnerships and fundraising strategy (2020-2025) *(for approval)*
 - b) Revised Charter of the Office of the Inspector General *(for approval)*
 - c) Local and regional food procurement policy *(for approval)*
 - d) Update on the Integrated Road Map *(for consideration)*
 - e) Update on collaboration among the Rome-based agencies *(for consideration)*
 - f) Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution [72/279](#) (repositioning the United Nations development system) *(for information)**
 - g) Oral update on the guidance on the United Nations sustainable development cooperation framework and common country analysis *(for information)*
 - h) Compendium of policies relating to the Strategic Plan *(for information)*
5. **Resource, financial and budgetary matters**
 - a) WFP Management Plan (2020–2022) *(for approval)*
 - b) Work plan of the External Auditor *(for information)*
6. **Evaluation reports** *(for consideration)*
 - a) Summary report on the evaluation of the WFP corporate (Level 3) emergency response in northeast Nigeria (2016–2018) and management response
7. **Operational matters**
 - a) Country strategic plans *(for approval)*
 - 1) Djibouti (2020–2024)
 - 2) Eswatini (2020–2024)
 - 3) Iraq (2020–2024)
 - 4) Jordan (2020–2022)

- 5) Mali (2020–2024)
- 6) the Niger (2020–2024)
- 7) Sierra Leone (2020–2024)
- b) Interim country strategic plans (*for approval*)
 - 1) Angola (2020–2022)
 - 2) Caribbean interim multi-country strategic plan (2020–2021)
 - 3) Cuba (2020)
 - 4) Turkey (2020–2021)
- c) Budget increases to country strategic plans (*for approval*)
 - 1) Lebanon
 - 2) Peru
- d) Projects approved by correspondence
 - 1) Budget revisions and extensions in time of transitional interim country strategic plans
 - 1) Djibouti
 - 2) Eswatini
 - 3) Sierra Leone
 - 4) Togo
- e) Projects submitted to the Board for comments (*for information*)
 - 1) Crisis response revisions of country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases, submitted to the Board for comments
 - 1) Lebanon
- f) Reports of the Executive Director on operational matters (*for information*)
 - 1) Revisions of country strategic plans and interim country strategic plans and corresponding budget increases approved by the Executive Director or the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 January – 30 June 2019)
 - 2) Limited emergency operations and immediate response activities approved by the Executive Director or by the Executive Director and the Director-General of FAO (1 January – 30 June 2019)

8. **Organizational and procedural matters**

- a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2020–2021) *(for approval)*

9. **Administrative and managerial matters**

- b) Report of the joint Board/management working group on harassment, sexual harassment, abuse of power and discrimination *(for consideration)*

10. **Summary of the work of the 2019 annual session of the Executive Board** *(for approval)*

11. **Other business**

- a) Report on the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP *(for information)*
- b) Report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP *(for information)*
- c) Oral update on the field visit of the WFP Executive Board *(for information)*
- d) Oral update on preparations for the 2021 United Nations Summit on Food Systems *(for information)*

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

