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Provisional annotated agenda and organization of work

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Summary

The present document contains the provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the second regular session of 2001 of the Executive Board. The annex contains the proposed timetable and organization of work for the session.



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Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session: statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director

Introductory statements will be made by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director.

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work

[For action — E/ICEF/2001/12]

The provisional agenda, which was shared with the Bureau (CF/EB/2001/55 of 5 November 2001), has been structured in accordance with relevant Executive Board decisions, in particular the programme of work for 2001 adopted by the Board at its second regular session in September 2000 (E/ICEF/2000/8/Rev.1, decision 2000/18). The proposed timetable and organization of work is contained in the annex.

Decisions will be adopted as the discussion of each agenda item is concluded. However, if required, time will be set aside for Board members to consult informally on all outstanding draft decisions.

3. Medium-term strategic plan for the period 2002-2005

[For action — E/ICEF/2001/13]

As the UNICEF corporate plan for the period 2002-2005, the MTSP provides the framework for UNICEF activities in programmes, partnerships, alliances, advocacy and internal operations at headquarters, as well as at regional and country offices, for the next four years. The Executive Board may wish to consider and approve the draft recommendation contained in the report.

4. Biennial support budget for 2002-2003

[For action — E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.10]

Under this agenda item, the Executive Director is presenting the biennial support budget for 2002-2003, which is within the harmonized format agreed upon by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and UNICEF. The formal decision to be made by the Executive Board on the basis of this document is the adoption of the draft resolution relating to the budget proposal contained therein.

The Board will also have before it for review the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on this document (E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.11).

5. Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation:

(a) Country programme recommendations

[For action]

There are a total of 64 CPRs being submitted to the Executive Board for approval. Of those, 49 have been prepared as addenda to the country notes considered by the Board at its first regular session of 2001, pursuant to decision 1995/8 (E/ICEF/1995/9/Rev.1). In accordance with that decision, those CPRs will be approved on a “no objection” basis, and any member wishing that a particular country programme be brought before the Board for discussion is required to inform the secretariat of its intention in writing by **30 November 2001**.

The breakdown by region is as follows: Eastern and Southern Africa — Eritrea, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.1/Add.1-E/ICEF/2001/P/L.9/Add.1, respectively); West and Central Africa — Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal and Togo (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.10/Add.1-E/ICEF/2001/P/L.18/Add.1, respectively); Americas and the Caribbean — Belize, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Venezuela (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.19/Add.1-E/ICEF/2001/P/L.34/Add.1, respectively); East Asia and the Pacific — Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Mongolia and Thailand (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.35/Add.1-E/ICEF/2001/P/L.37/Add.1, respectively); South Asia — Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.38/Add.1-E/ICEF/2001/P/L.40/Add.1, respectively); Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and the Baltic States — Republic of Moldova (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.41/Add.1); and Middle East and North Africa — Algeria, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia and Yemen (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.42/Add.1-E/ICEF/2001/P/L.49/Add.1, respectively).

In addition, there are 15 short-duration (“bridging”) or stand-alone other resources proposals being submitted for Board approval. They are: Burundi; Comoros; Côte d’Ivoire; Sierra Leone; Southern Cone (Argentina, Chile and Uruguay) subregional; multi-country initiative on HIV/AIDS for Central America and the Caribbean and the Eastern Caribbean; micronutrient programme for the Andean subregion and Paraguay; Malaysia; Pacific island countries; Viet Nam; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; multi-country programme for Central and Eastern Europe, CIS and the Baltic States; and Iraq (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.57-E/ICEF/2001/P/L.71, respectively).

(b) Recommendation for additional regular resources for approved country programmes and the extension of one subregional programme

[For action — E/ICEF/2001/P/L.72]

The Executive Board is requested to approve additional regular resources for approved country programmes which lack sufficient funds to cover the programme period due to revised planning levels for regular resources allocations. In addition, the Board is requested to approve the one-year extension of one subregional programme to allow time to prepare a new programme proposal to start in 2003.

(c) Intercountry programmes

[For action — E/ICEF/2001/P/L.74]

The Executive Board will have before it for review and approval proposals relating to the previous category 4 (advocacy and programme development for headquarters and regional offices) of the support budget. They are being presented separately as a result of the harmonization of the budgets of UNICEF, UNDP and UNFPA, and in line with recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions. The formal decision to be made by the Executive Board on this document is the adoption of the draft resolutions contained therein.

The “round-up” paper (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.73) summarizes the 2001 recommendations for regular resources and other resources proposals.

6. Report to the United Nations Board of Auditors and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

[For information — E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.8]

As an ongoing practice, UNICEF has been submitting a report to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to advise the Assembly as to the measures that the organization takes to implement the recommendations of the United Nations Board of Auditors. This document reports on the steps taken or to be taken in response to the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the UNICEF accounts for the biennium 1998-1999. It also presents the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors on the accounts for the biennium 1996-1997.

7. Financial matters:

(a) Private Sector Division financial report and statements for the year ended 31 December 2000

[For information — E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.6]

The Executive Board will have before it for review the PSD financial report for the year ended 31 December 2000.

(b) UNICEF interim financial report and statements for the year ended 31 December 2000, the first year of the biennium 2000-2001

[For information — E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.5]

This document contains the financial report on the accounts of UNICEF for the year ended 31 December 2000, the first year of the biennium 2000-2001. It is presented to the Executive Board for information.

(c) Status of budget implementation for UNICEF support to the Special Session on Children and associated events

[For action — E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.9]

As the Special Session on Children was postponed by decision of the General Assembly (decision 56/401 of 12 September 2001), the secretariat is presenting this second interim report to inform the Executive Board on the status of the budget implementation for UNICEF support to the Special Session and associated events. The Board may wish to consider and adopt the draft decision contained therein.

8. Report on internal audit activities

[For information — E/ICEF/2001/AB/L.7]

This report responds to the Executive Director's proposal at the 1997 second regular Executive Board session to issue an annual report on internal audit activities for Board consideration.

9. Programme of work for 2002

[For action — E/ICEF/2001/14]

The Executive Board will consider the issues to be addressed at its sessions in 2002 and its programme of work, including the allocation of items and organization of work.

10. Other matters

The Board may consider discussing any other issues that it finds timely and appropriate under this agenda item.

11. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board

The Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board will make concluding remarks, followed by the closure of the session.

Annex

Proposed timetable and organization of work for the second regular session of the Executive Board, 10-14 December 2001*

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Thursday, 13 December	a.m. and p.m.	<i>Item 5</i>	Proposals for UNICEF programme cooperation:
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* When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item on the agenda will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.