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Decisions and recommendations of the 2024 first regular session of the Executive Board

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Rapporteur:	Mr. Massimo Ziad Ammar (Kuwait)

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

Adoption of the agenda

The Board adopted the agenda.

26 February 2024

Election of the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with its rules of procedure the Board elected H.E. Youssef Balla (Morocco, List A) President for a one-year term. Mme Chantal Moukoutou Legnongo (Gabon, List A) was elected Alternate.

The Board elected Her Excellency Elissa Golberg (Canada, List D) Vice-President. Ms. Tracy Reid (Australia, List D) was elected Alternate.

The Board elected as members of the Bureau, representing the other three WFP electoral lists, for a one-year term, Dr. Balaji Jujjavarapu (India, List B); H.E. Carlos Bernardo Cherniak (Argentina, List C); and H.E. Artur Andrzej Pollok (Poland, List E). Elected as Alternates were Mr. Hyungsik Kim (Republic of Korea, List B); H.E. Mario Arvelo Caamaño (Dominican Republic, List C); and H.E. Zsolt Belánsky-Demkó (Hungary, List E).

In accordance with rule XII of its rules of procedure, the Board appointed Mr. Massimo Ziad Ammar (Kuwait, List B) as Rapporteur for its 2024 first regular session.

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Current and future strategic issues

2024/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.

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Middle East, Northern Africa and Eastern Europe portfolio

2024/EB.1/2 Republic of Moldova interim country strategic plan (2024–2026)

The Board approved the Republic of Moldova interim country strategic plan (2024–2026) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/8) at a total cost to WFP of USD 60,060,561.

27 February 2024

Western Africa portfolio

2024/EB.1/3 Chad country strategic plan (2024–2028)

The Board approved the Chad country strategic plan (2024–2028) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/3) at a total cost to WFP of USD 2,647,685,491.

27 February 2024

2024/EB.1/4 Gambia country strategic plan (2024–2028)

The Board approved the Gambia country strategic plan (2024–2028) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/4) at a total cost to WFP of USD 95,226,668.

27 February 2024

2024/EB.1/5 Mauritania country strategic plan (2024–2028)

The Board approved the Mauritania country strategic plan (2024–2028) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/6) at a total cost to WFP of USD 417,590,013.

27 February 2024

Southern Africa portfolio

2024/EB.1/6 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Madagascar (2019–2023) and management response

Madagascar country strategic plan (2024–2028)

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Madagascar (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/2) and management response (WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/2/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board approved the Madagascar country strategic plan (2024–2028) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/5) at a total cost to WFP of USD 659,265,106.

27 February 2024

Eastern Africa portfolio

2024/EB.1/7 Burundi country strategic plan (2024–2027)

The Board approved the Burundi country strategic plan (2024–2027) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/2) at a total cost to WFP of USD 416,300,176.

27 February 2024

Asia and the Pacific portfolio

2024/EB.1/8 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Bhutan (2019–2023) and management response

Bhutan country strategic plan (2024–2028)

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Bhutan (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/1) and management response (WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/1/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board approved the Bhutan country strategic plan (2024–2028) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 14,603,177.

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2024/EB.1/9 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Philippines (2018-2023) and management response

Philippines country strategic plan (2024–2028)

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Philippines (2018–2023) (WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/3) and management response (WFP/EB.1/2024/5-A/3/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board approved the Philippines country strategic plan (2024–2028) (WFP/EB.1/2024/6-A/7) at a total cost to WFP of USD 131,193,069.

28 February 2024

Policy issues

2024/EB.1/10 Implementation of the Doha Programme of Action for the least developed countries

The Board:

- i) welcomed the conclusions of the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries of 17 March 2022 and the endorsement by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 76/258 of 1 April 2022 of the Doha Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries for the decade 2022–2031, hereinafter referred to as the Doha Programme of Action;
- ii) noted that, building on the Istanbul Programme of Action (2011–2020), WFP had maintained the strong support given to the least developed countries in terms of the strengthening of national capacities and social protection systems, the creation of assets and livelihoods through WFP activities, and a focus on sustainable development and contributions to peace through the implementation of its multi-dimensional mandate and investments in local partners and communities;
- iii) noted the strong alignment of WFP's strategic plan for 2022–2025 with the Doha Programme of Action's six key focus areas for action, especially with regard to eradicating poverty and building the capacity to "leave no one behind", leveraging innovation to fight against multidimensional vulnerabilities, addressing climate change and building resilience to future shocks, and harnessing the power of global and local partnerships;

- iv) stressed the need for WFP to direct special attention to the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action in its support of the least developed countries and in accordance with its mandate; and
- v) invited the Executive Director, building on prior efforts to implement the Istanbul Programme of Action, to further integrate and mainstream the Doha Programme of Action into WFP activities, especially through its country strategic plans.

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Administrative and managerial matters

2024/EB.1/11 Establishment of a selection panel for the appointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee members

The Board approves the establishment of a selection panel in relation to the appointment or reappointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (IOAC) members. The panel shall, in accordance with the IOAC terms of reference and in response to any vacancies in the membership of the IOAC that may occur in 2024 and 2025, recommend candidates to be appointed or reappointed by the Board. The Board also approves the appointment to the panel of the following representatives of the electoral lists of the Executive Board:

- H.E. Ms. Consolata Nkatha Maina, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya, as representative of List A.
- Mr. Md. Al Amin, Alternate Permanent Representative of Bangladesh, as representative of List B.
- Ms. Alicia Silvana Barone, Deputy Permanent Representative of Argentina, as representative of List C.
- Mr. Peter Natiello, Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America, as representative of List D.
- H.E. Mr. Zsolt Belánszky-Demkó, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Hungary, as representative of List E.

The Board requests the selection panel to convene as necessary and to report its recommendations to the Board in accordance with the terms of reference of the IOAC.

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2024/EB.1/12 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.1/2024/8-B) and endorsed the responses to the Joint Inspection Unit's recommendations to the legislative bodies included in the annexes to the document.

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Summary of the work of the Executive Board

2024/EB.1/13 Summary of the work of the 2023 second regular session of the Executive Board

The Board approved the draft summary of the work of its 2023 second regular session, the final version of which would be embodied in document WFP/EB.2/2023/11.

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 - b) Update on the implementation of the aviation policy *(for information)*
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* Items marked with an asterisk are to be presented for information only but will nevertheless be discussed during the session.

7. Philippines (2024–2028)

8. Republic of Moldova (2024–2026)

b) 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 under delegations of authority (1 July–31 December 2023)

c) Oral global overview of humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities (*for information*)*

d) Oral update on the reassurance action plan (*for information*)*

7. Organizational and procedural matters

a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2024–2025) (*for information*)

8. Administrative and managerial matters

a) Establishment of a selection panel for the appointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee members (*for approval*)

b) Reports by the Joint Inspection Unit relevant to the work of WFP (*for consideration*)

c) Arrangements for the Inspector General and Director of Oversight Office *ad interim* (*for information*)

9. Summary of the work of the 2023 second regular session of the Executive Board (*for approval*)

10. Other business

a) Oral update on the organization structural review and the 2024 budget (*for information*)*

b) Oral update on the governance review (*for information*)*

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

d) Report on the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP (*for information*)

11. Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations



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Rapporteur:	Mr. Vicente Bezerra (Brazil)

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Adoption of the agenda

The Board adopted the agenda for the session.

24 June 2024

Election to fill one vacant seat on the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with the rules of procedure of the Board, the Board elected H.E. Fredrick Matwang'a (Kenya, List A) as alternate member of the Bureau.

In accordance with rule XII of its rules of procedure, the Board appointed Mr. Vicente Bezerra (Brazil, List C) as Rapporteur for its 2024 annual session.

24 June 2024

Current and future strategic issues

2024/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.

24 June 2024

Annual reports

2024/EB.A/2 Annual performance report for 2023

The Board approved the annual performance report for 2023 (WFP/EB.A/2024/4-A/Rev.1), noting that it provided a record of WFP's performance for the year and its progress towards the objectives identified in the strategic plan for 2022–2025 and the corporate results framework. In accordance with General Regulation VI.3, and pursuant to its decisions 2000/EB.A/2 and 2004/EB.A/11, to resolution E/RES/2013/5 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 2023 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 2023.

25 June 2024

2024/EB.A/3 Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2023 and management note

The Board took note of the annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2023 (WFP/EB.A/2024/4-C).

The Board also took note of the management note to the annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2023 (WFP/EB.A/2024/4-C/Add.1).

25 June 2024

2024/EB.A/4 Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2023

The Board took note of the annual report of the Ethics Office for 2023 (WFP/EB.A/2024/4-B).

25 June 2024

Evaluation reports

2024/EB.A/5 Summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's work on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's work on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (WFP/EB.A/2024/7-B) and management response (WFP/EB.A/2024/7-B/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

26 June 2024

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

2024/EB.A/6 Annual report of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

The Board took note of the annual report of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-C/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H)/2) and the

Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H)/3).

26 June 2024

2024/EB.A/7 Audited annual accounts, 2023

The Board:

- i) approved the 2023 annual financial statements of WFP, taking note of the report of the External Auditor, submitted to the Board pursuant to Article XIV.6 (b) of the General Regulations;
- ii) noted the funding from the General Fund of USD 1,915,442 during 2023 for the ex-gratia payments and the write off of cash losses and receivables;
- iii) noted losses of commodities and other losses during 2023 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 of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H)/3).

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2024/EB.A/8 Update to the WFP management plan (2024–2026)

Having considered the update to the WFP management plan for 2024–2026 (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-B/1/Rev.1), the Board:

- a) took note of the decreased contribution forecast for 2024 from the USD 10 billion reported in the WFP management plan (2024–2026) (WFP/EB.2/2023/5-A/1) to USD 8 billion;
- b) took note of the projected operational requirements of USD 18 billion as of 31 March 2024, and of the updated provisional implementation plan of USD 10 billion;
- c) took note of the reorganization of WFP's internal structure and the new organigram with updated reporting lines expanding on the elements introduced in the Addendum to the WFP management plan (2024–2026) and referred to in paragraph xii) of Executive Board decision 2023/EB.2/3 reflected in the Decisions and recommendations of the 2023 second regular session of the Executive Board (WFP/EB.2/2023/11);

- d) approved a reduced 2024 programme support and administrative appropriation of USD 528 million in light of the decreased contribution forecast and authorized the Executive Director to implement the cost savings of USD 40 million across the three appropriation lines as appropriate; urged and authorized the Executive Director to implement additional cost-saving measures as feasible up to a further USD 45 million across the three appropriation lines; and looked forward to receiving regular updates;
- e) authorized the Executive Director to adjust the revised programme support and administrative budget of USD 528 million in accordance with a further change in the level of the global contribution forecast for the year, at a rate not to exceed 2 percent of the anticipated change in income;
- f) approved the use of the programme support and administrative equalization account to fund any shortfall between indirect support cost revenue from contributions for the 2024 management plan and the reduced 2024 programme support and administrative budget;
- g) approved the use of the unearmarked portion of the General Fund instead of the programme support and administrative equalization account as the funding source for the following two allocations approved pursuant to paragraphs vi) and vii) d) of the Board's decision 2023/EB.2/3:
 - i. USD 21 million for the corporate process optimization critical corporate initiative; and
 - ii. USD 50 million for the replenishment of the Immediate Response Account.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H)/3).

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**2024/EB.A/9 Report on the utilization of WFP's strategic financing mechanisms
(1 January–31 December 2023)**

The Board took note of the report on the utilization of WFP's strategic financing mechanisms for the period 1 January–31 December 2023 (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-F/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H)/2) and the

Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H)/3).

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2024/EB.A/10 Annual report of the Inspector General and note by the Executive Director

The Board took note of the annual report of the Inspector General for 2023 (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-D/1) and noted that, based on the risk-based oversight work performed and reported in 2023, no material weaknesses had been identified in the governance, risk management or control processes in place across WFP that would significantly compromise the overall achievement of WFP's strategic and operational objectives.

The Board further noted that the Inspector General had identified significant governance, risk management and control issues and the Board expected WFP to address the issues highlighted in the report.

The Board took note of the note by the Executive Director on the annual report of the Inspector General (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-D/1/Add.1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H)/3).

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2024/EB.A/11 Management review of significant risk and control issues, 2023

The Board took note of the management review of significant risk and control issues, 2023 (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-E/1).

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-(A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H)/3).

26 June 2024

Administrative and managerial matters

2024/EB.A/12 Appointment of two members to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

The Board approved the renewal of the term of two members to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee as follows:

- Mr. Darshak Shah (Kenya), from 15 November 2024 to 14 November 2027; and
- Mr. Veerathai Santiprabhob (Thailand), 15 November 2024 to 14 November 2027.

26 June 2024

2024/EB.A/13 Replacement of a member of the selection panel for the appointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee members

Further to the establishment of a selection panel in relation to the appointment or reappointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (IOAC) members at its 2024 first regular session (WFP/EB.1/2024/8-A), the Board approved the appointment of H.E Mr. Fredrick Matwang'a, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Kenya as representative of List A, in replacement of H.E. Ms. Consolata Nkatha Maina, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya.

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Evaluation reports

2024/EB.A/14 Annual evaluation report for 2023 and management response

The Board took note of the annual evaluation report for 2023 (WFP/EB.A/2024/7-A) and the management response (WFP/EB.A/2024/7-A/Add.1) and encouraged further action, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

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2024/EB.A/15 Implementation status of evaluation recommendations

The Board took note of the implementation status of evaluation recommendations (WFP/EB.A/2024/7-D).

27 June 2024

Policy issues

2024/EB.A/16 Amendment to the WFP evaluation policy 2022

The Board approved the amendments to the WFP evaluation policy as set out in document WFP/EB.A/2024/5-E.

27 June 2024

2024/EB.A/17 Amendment to the policy on country strategic plans

The Board approved the amendments to the WFP policy on country strategic plans as set out in document WFP/EB.A/2024/5-F.

27 June 2024

Western Africa portfolio

2024/EB.A/18 Summary report on the evaluation of the interim country strategic plan for Guinea (2019–2024) and management response Guinea country strategic plan (2024–2029)

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the interim country strategic plan for Guinea (2019–2024) (WFP/EB.A/2024/7-C/1) and management response (WFP/EB.A/2024/7-C/1/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion

The Board approved the Guinea country strategic plan (2024–2029) (WFP/EB.A/2024/8-A/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 143,500,975.

27 June 2024

Southern Africa portfolio

2024/EB.A/19 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Lesotho (2019–2024) and management response

Lesotho country strategic plan (2024–2029)

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Lesotho (2019–2024) (WFP/EB.A/2024/7-C/2) and management response (WFP/EB.A/2024/7-C/2/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board approved the Lesotho country strategic plan (2024–2029) (WFP/EB.A/2024/8-A/2) at a total cost to WFP of USD 94,896,929.

27 June 2024

Latin America and the Caribbean portfolio

2024/EB.A/20 Nicaragua country strategic plan (2024–2029)

The Board approved the Nicaragua country strategic plan (2024–2029) (WFP/EB.A/2024/8-A/3) at a total cost to WFP of USD 80,914,387.

27 June 2024

Policy issues

2024/EB.A/21 Update on WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response (2023)

The Board took note of the update on WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response (2023) (WFP/EB.A/2024/5-A).

27 June 2024

2024/EB.A/22 Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system)

The Board took note of the update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system) set out in document WFP/EB.A/2024/5-B.

27 June 2024

Other business**2024/EB.A/23 Interim report on the governance review**

Having considered the interim report of the Executive Board working group on the governance review set out in document WFP/EB.A/2024/12-A, the Executive Board:

- i) *approved* the costed implementation plan for a first set of recommendations that would be implemented by the Secretariat as set out in annex I of this document, and *requested* the Secretariat to immediately implement these recommendations, as follows:
 - 1) sub-recommendation 1.1: align the three formal Board sessions according to the governance frameworks by focusing the first regular session on strategy and policy, the annual session on oversight and accountability, and the second regular session on other policy matters and the programming and planning of activities for the coming years, noting that certain flexibility should be exercised to accommodate the shifting of items especially when it concerns time-sensitive matters; and specify which items belong to each governance framework, as provided in annex II of this document;
 - 2) sub-recommendation 1.2: conduct a one-day “strategic dialogue” at WFP Headquarters to create an informal space for Board members and observers and WFP management to discuss strategic issues – the “strategic dialogue” would be held early in the year, immediately followed by the first regular session; and submit to the Board an assessment of this recommendation two years after its implementation to determine its added value and identify potential areas for improvement;
 - 3) sub-recommendation 1.3: continue with the current practice of having the Executive Director deliver opening remarks during formal sessions, which shall include an overview of current and future opportunities and challenges to inform a strategic exchange with the membership;

- 4) sub-recommendation 1.4: include on meeting agendas only mandatory items and reports that require strategic discussion or decision, including by reducing the categories of items to two categories (for decision and for information); introducing an optional written correspondence procedure for information items that are raised for discussion; defining a timeframe for the addition of new items on Board agendas that require documentation; and discontinuing the following items on the Board agenda: the update on WFP's response to HIV and AIDS, the report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards (which would be circulated to the membership and posted on the Board web page), and the implementation status of evaluation recommendations (which would be embedded in the annual evaluation report);
- 5) sub-recommendation 1.5: limit side events to a maximum of two per session and identify ways to improve their format to increase engagement;
- 6) sub-recommendation 2.1: reinforce the word limits set by the Board in the 2004 information paper "Streamlining Board Documentation", with a request to the Secretariat to produce a revision of the 2004 paper that reflect the latest Board document categories;
- 7) sub-recommendation 8.1: conduct two in-person induction sessions per year and develop a digital refresher module on governance;
- 8) sub-recommendation 8.2: develop a delegate's handbook;
- 9) recommendation 9: implement the digital transformation initiatives proposed by the Executive Board Secretariat, which include sub-recommendations 9.1) meetings management services, 9.2 documentation and translation services and 9.4) streamline service management and data and reporting;
- 10) sub-recommendation 10.1: defer the matter on the introduction of a cooling off period for Board member representatives when joining WFP as staff members to the WFP Secretariat for its further determination;

- 11) sub-recommendation 13.1: conduct a half-day introductory session for new Bureau members; and
- 12) sub-recommendation 13.2: develop a handbook for Executive Board Bureau members focusing on their roles and responsibilities, including those for List Convenors.

28 June 2024

Summary of the work of the Executive Board

2024/EB.A/24 Summary of the work of the 2024 first regular session of the Executive Board

The Board approved the draft summary of the work of its 2024 first regular session, the final version of which would be embodied in document WFP/EB.1/2024/12.

28 June 2024

ANNEX I

Agenda

- 1. Adoption of the agenda** *(for approval)*
- 2. Election to fill one vacant seat on the Bureau and appointment of the Rapporteur**
- 3. Opening remarks by the Executive Director**
- 4. Annual reports**
 - a) Annual performance report for 2023 *(for approval)*
 - b) Annual report of the Ethics Office for 2023 *(for consideration)*
 - c) Annual report of the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services for 2023 and management note *(for consideration)*
- 5. Policy issues**
 - a) Update on WFP's role in the collective humanitarian response (2023) *(for consideration)*
 - b) Update on WFP's implementation of United Nations General Assembly resolution 72/279 (repositioning the United Nations development system) *(for consideration)*
 - c) Update on WFP's response to HIV and AIDS *(for information)*
 - d) Oral update on disability inclusion *(for information)**
 - e) Amendment to the WFP evaluation policy 2022 *(for approval)*
 - f) Amendment to the policy on country strategic plans *(for approval)*
- 6. Resource, financial and budgetary matters**
 - a) Audited annual accounts, 2023 *(for approval)*¹
 - b) Update to the management plan (2024–2026) *(for approval)*

* Items marked with an asterisk are to be presented for information only but will nevertheless be discussed during the session.

¹ The two performance audit reports of the External Auditor and the report on the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations have been consolidated into the audited annual accounts for 2023, in line with the new approach agreed with the External Auditor at the Bureau meeting of 6 March 2024.

- c) Annual report of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (*for consideration*)
- d) Annual report of the Inspector General (*for consideration*) and note by the Executive Director (*for consideration*)
- e) Management review of significant risk and control issues, 2023 (*for consideration*)
- f) Report on the utilization of WFP's strategic financing mechanisms (1 January–31 December 2023) (*for consideration*)
- g) Report of the Executive Director on contributions, reductions and waivers of costs under General Rule XIII.4 (f) in 2023 (*for information*)
- h) Workplan of the External Auditor (*for information*)

7. Evaluation reports (*for consideration*)

- a) Annual evaluation report for 2023 and management response
- b) Summary report on the strategic evaluation of WFP's work on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse and management response
- c) Summary evaluation reports on country strategic plans and management responses:
 - 1. Guinea (2019–2024)
 - 2. Lesotho (2019–2024)
- d) Implementation status of evaluation recommendations

8. Operational matters

- a) Country strategic plans (for approval)
 - 1. Guinea (2024–2029)
 - 2. Lesotho (2024–2029)
 - 3. Nicaragua (2024–2029)
- b) Oral global overview of humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities (*for information*)*
- c) Oral update on the global assurance project (*for information*)*

9. Organizational and procedural matters

- a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2024–2025) *(for information)*

10. Administrative and managerial matters

- a) Appointment of two members to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee *(for approval)*
- b) Address by staff representative bodies to the Board
- c) Report on global losses for the period 1 January–31 December 2023 *(for information)*
- d) Update on food procurement *(for information)*
- e) Statistical report on international professional staff and higher categories at 31 December 2023 *(for information)*
- f) Security report *(for information)**
- g) Replacement of a member of the selection panel for the appointment of Independent Oversight Advisory Committee members *(for approval)*

11. Summary of the work of the 2024 first regular session of the Executive Board *(for approval)***12. Other business**

- a) Interim report on the governance review (for approval)
- b) Oral report on the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP *(for information)**
- c) Update on United Nations Humanitarian Air Service *(for information)**

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 for the session.

18 November 2024

Appointment of the Rapporteur

In accordance with rule XII of its rules of procedure, the Board appointed Mr. Vito Su (United States of America, List D) as Rapporteur for its 2024 second regular session.

18 November 2024

Current and future strategic issues

2024/EB.2/1 Opening remarks by the Executive Director, including an overview of current and future opportunities and challenges for WFP

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 2024

Resource, financial and budgetary matters

2024/EB.2/2 WFP management plan (2025–2027)

Having considered WFP's management plan for 2025–2027 (WFP/EB.2/2024/5-A/1/Rev.1), the Board:

- i) *noted* that the 2025 programme support and administrative appropriation assumes a funding level of USD 8 billion in 2025 (the "global contribution forecast");
- ii) *took note* of the projected operational requirements of USD 16.9 billion for 2025 and the provisional implementation plan of USD 8.8 billion for 2025, as outlined in section III of the management plan for 2025–2027;

- iii) *approved* a 2025 programme support and administrative appropriation of USD 480 million (the “appropriation”), to be allocated as follows:

strategy and direction	USD 109.5 million
services to operations	USD 239.2 million
governance, independent oversight and fundraising	USD 131.3 million

Total **USD 480.0 million**

- iv) *authorized* the Executive Director to increase the appropriation in the case of an increase in the global contribution forecast of at least USD 300 million, at a rate not to exceed 2 percent of the anticipated increase in that forecast, and in all other cases urged and authorized the Executive Director to reduce the appropriation by up to 10 percent by implementing cost-saving measures, as feasible;
- v) *approved* the use of the programme support and administrative equalization account to fund any shortfall between indirect support cost revenue from contributions and the appropriation, as may be reduced pursuant to paragraph iv) above;
- vi) *approved* a standard indirect support cost recovery rate of 6.5 percent for 2025 for all contributions except for such contributions received pursuant to General Rule XIII.4(e), for which an indirect support cost recovery rate of 4 percent shall apply;
- vii) *approved*:
- a) WFP’s plan to self-insure all health insurance schemes as of 1 January 2026; and
 - b) WFP’s plan to expand the scope of the operational self-insurance fund (the “captive”) to include financial risks, property risks, and emerging and hard-to-insure risks that are difficult to insure under commercial insurance coverage;
- viii) *approved* the use of the unearmarked portion of the General Fund for a total amount of USD 152.4 million, specifically to:
- a) *replenish* the Immediate Response Account by the amount of USD 75 million to improve the availability of funds for allocations from that account;
 - b) *fund* critical corporate initiatives by the amount of USD 30.4 million from the unearmarked portion of the General Fund, as follows:

- i. USD 3.0 million for the second year of the critical corporate initiative on *"Monitoring, identity management and traceability"*, which seeks to strengthen monitoring and improve beneficiary identity management by implementing digital commodity tracking and minimum assurance standards for in-kind food operations, and remote output and outcome monitoring activities;
- ii. USD 5.1 million for a new two-year critical corporate initiative on *"International Public Sector Accounting Standards implementation"*, which supports the adoption of new accounting standards by ensuring that corporate accounting policies and models are revised, new operational procedures are applied, information systems can support the accounting and reporting requirements; and staff have the necessary skills and knowledge;
- iii. USD 5.1 million for a new three-year critical corporate initiative on *"Positioning WFP to unlock diverse funding"*, aimed at diversifying funding while protecting and expanding WFP's current partnerships and its reputation as a partner of choice, and enabling country offices to expand funding by increasing their capacity to identify and pursue new and different partnerships;
- iv. USD 5.1 million for a new two-year critical corporate initiative on *"Duty of care and inclusion"*, which aims to align WFP's commitment to duty of care with its "stay and deliver" approach, ensuring that the organization remains agile and effective in high-risk environments while upholding standards for well-being, workplace inclusion, and safety and security;
- v. USD 11.0 million for a new two-year critical corporate initiative on *"Digital integration and modernization"* aimed at modernizing and integrating WFP's information technology and digital infrastructure to enhance operational efficiency and align the technology infrastructure – including for enterprise resource planning, data systems, payroll systems and artificial intelligence – with WFP's strategic goals; and
- vi. USD 1.1 million for the last year of the critical corporate initiative on the *"United Nations Sustainable Development Group efficiency road map"*, which covers activities aimed at ensuring that WFP has the capacity to prepare for, participate in, deliver and lead United Nations development system reform efforts, and developing a model for the delivery and financing of shared services;

- c) *allocate* the amount of USD 20 million to fund exceptional costs related to the management of the planned reductions in the workforce to align it with operational needs and strategic workforce planning;
 - d) *invest* the amount of USD 20 million in the individual fundraising model, on the understanding that the Board will receive additional background information on the model and its performance before any further investment is put forward for approval in the next management plan; and
 - e) *allocate* the amount of USD 7 million to the new health self-insurance fund for expanding the health self-insurance scheme.
- ix) *approved* the resourcing target level of USD 400 million for the Immediate Response Account in 2025, in line with the 2024 level; and
 - x) *approved* the evaluation function workplan and priorities for 2025–2027 as presented in annex VII.

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2024/5-(A,B)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2024/5-(A,B)/3).

19 November 2024

2024/EB.2/3 Report of the External Auditor on findings from field audits and WFP management response

The Board took note of the report of the External Auditor on findings from field audits (WFP/EB.2/2024/5-B/1) and management's response (WFP/EB.2/2024/5-B/1/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the External Auditor's recommendations, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion

The Board also took note of the comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2024/5-(A,B)/2) and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (WFP/EB.2/2024/5-(A,B)/3).

19 November 2024

Other business

2024/EB.2/4 Second interim report of the Executive Board working group on the governance review: Remaining recommendations from the independent consultant's report, recommendations from other governance initiatives and next steps

Having considered the report of the Executive Board working group on the governance review set out in document WFP/EB.2/2024/11-A, the Executive Board:

- i) *approved* the costed implementation plan for all remaining recommendations from the independent consultant's report as set out in annex I of this document and *called for* their immediate implementation, as follows:
 - 1) sub-recommendation 2.2: the Board *commended* the efforts already made to rationalize and streamline Board documents under each of the governance frameworks; *endorsed* the Secretariat's proposal to introduce more strategic, concise and timely policy documents within the word limits of the 2004 guidelines and a revised, simplified narrative template for country strategic plans (noting that the Board *advised* the Secretariat to share the revised template with the membership); *requested* the oversight functions to strengthen the key messages in oversight documents in line with the proposals outlined under sub-recommendation 5.3; and *requested* the Secretariat to improve the presentation of accountability documents as outlined under recommendation 6;
 - 2) recommendation 3: the Board *requested* the Secretariat to update the WFP policy formulation framework to enable a more streamlined, efficient and predictable process and more effective and strategic guidance by the membership, as set out under sub-recommendations 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5;
 - 3) sub-recommendation 3.1: the Board *endorsed* the Secretariat's proposal to conduct a policy analysis with each strategic plan every four years and a gap analysis as part of the annual policy compendium and *advised* the Secretariat to draw on the outcomes of policy evaluations conducted by WFP's Office of Evaluation to inform the identification of policy gaps and the assessment of the need for formulating new policies or updating an existing policy. The Board further *requested* the Secretariat to review the mechanisms in place for decommissioning outdated policies as part of its update of the WFP policy formulation framework;

- 4) sub-recommendations 3.2 and 3.3: the Board *endorsed* a three-phased approach for streamlining Board engagement on policy formulation, which entails: (i) conducting a strategic informal discussion between WFP management and the Board during the policy conception phase (including by exploring the use of workshops or other meeting modalities), informed by a policy brief; (ii) convening two informal consultations for the membership to review the advanced policy draft: an online written consultation where the policy draft will be shared on the virtual consultation platform for the membership to provide comments in writing, and an in-person consultation, noting that additional informal consultations may be called by the Board as necessary; and (iii) submission of the final policy for the Board's approval at a formal session. The Board further *requested* the Secretariat to highlight the main revisions made to the policy drafts following each informal consultation with the Board;
- 5) sub-recommendation 3.4: the Board *advised* the Secretariat to conduct broad internal and external consultations with stakeholders in a transparent and inclusive manner to inform the policy formulation process;
- 6) sub-recommendation 3.5: at the time of Board approval of new or updated policies, the Board *advised* that relevant plans for implementation and indicative budgets be provided as supplementary notes to policies;
- 7) recommendation 5: the Board *requested* the Secretariat to update the 2018 WFP oversight framework in line with its current workplan for transitioning to an oversight and accountability framework to implement recommendations from the Joint Inspection Unit report *Review of accountability frameworks of the United Nations system organizations* (JIU/REP/2023/3, paragraph 22) and submit the updated framework for the Board's approval;
- 8) sub-recommendation 5.3: the Board *endorsed* the efforts already made to rationalize and streamline Board documents on oversight and *requested* the oversight functions to further strengthen the key messages in these documents. The Board further *requested* the oversight functions to adhere to existing Board documentation submission deadlines for both formal sessions and informal meetings;

- 9) sub-recommendation 5.4: the Board *requested* the Secretariat to propose a list of Board session agenda items on which the Board needs to draw on the advice of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Finance Committee of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for all matters related to WFP financial administration in accordance with Article XIV.6 of the General Regulations, in consultation with the two advisory bodies, and to submit this list to the Board for its review and approval;
- 10) sub-recommendation 5.5: the Board *requested* the Secretariat to (i) centralize the follow-up actions and processes for all recommendations from all the oversight bodies to reduce the risk of overlaps and gaps, (ii) grant the membership access to WFP's oversight recommendations dashboard and (iii) ensure that the new WFP oversight and accountability framework encompasses mechanisms for following up comprehensively on recommendations from the oversight bodies;
- 11) sub-recommendation 5.6: the Board *requested* the oversight and advisory bodies to strengthen the coordination of informal Board meetings to increase efficiency. It recommended holding a minimum of three informal meetings per year with the Inspector General, the External Auditor and the WFP Risk Management Division. It also recommended maintaining its current engagement with the Office of the Ombudsman and Mediation Services and the Ethics Office (twice a year) and the Office of Evaluation (through the annual consultation on evaluation and the evaluation roundtables), noting that ad-hoc meetings may be called by the Board as necessary. The Board *recognized* the mandate of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee to provide independent expert advice in fulfilling its governance responsibilities with regard to oversight matters and *recommended* the introduction of regular, direct interactions between the Board and the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee by inviting Board members to attend the regular Independent Oversight Advisory Committee debrief meetings. The Board *recommended* that the relevance of these informal meetings be periodically assessed, and adjustments made to their format, frequency or content, as necessary;
- 12) recommendation 6: the Board *recognized* that the annual performance report and management plan are core accountability documents and *appreciated* efforts already made to rationalize these documents to facilitate strategic discussions and decisions. The Board *advised* the Secretariat to enhance document presentation by (i) introducing key findings as bullet

points at the start of each part of the annual performance report; and (ii) focusing the management plan on sections that require Board advice, reducing the length of narrative or contextual sections, and exploring ways to present complex information in a reader-friendly manner (such as through the use of graphic summaries and bullet points for explanations);

- 13) recommendation 7: the Board *requested* the Secretariat to include the definition of key concepts such as “strategy”, “policy” and “enablers” in the forthcoming policy formulation framework document and specify the linkages between these concepts. The Board also *advised* the Secretariat to increase the visibility of WFP’s strategies for the Board by publishing a comprehensive repository of strategies on the Executive Board website;
- 14) sub-recommendation 10.2: the Board *underscored* that the code of conduct to prevent harassment, including sexual harassment, within United Nations systems applies to all events of the Executive Board and *recommended* that the Executive Board follow United Nations best practices for codes of conduct concerning their governing bodies;
- 15) sub-recommendation 11.1: concerning the frequency, purpose, content, format and documentation of informal meetings, the Board:
 - frequency: *advised* the Bureau to actively review the schedule of informal meetings in the Board calendar and the distribution of items in the Biennial Programme of Work of the Executive Board, and assess the strategic value and relevance of the planned meetings, in line with Rule V on the Functions of the Bureau in the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board, recognizing that the Board reserves the right to request informal consultations as needed;
 - purpose: *advised* that each informal meeting be accompanied by a clear definition of the expected objectives and guidance being sought from the Board;
 - content and format: *advised* that informal meetings be clearly focused on strategic, policy, oversight and financial matters and that other modalities such as workshops, brown bags or online written consultations be explored to facilitate dialogue on more technical issues or other matters that do not lead up to a Board decision;
 - documentation: *requested* that a formal deadline for the submission of documentation for informal meetings be introduced to increase the strategic value of the feedback of the Board, namely two weeks before the meetings on documents to be subsequently

submitted to the Board for decision and one week for other meetings on matters that do not require a Board decision;

- 16) sub-recommendation 11.2: the Board *requested* the Secretariat to implement a streamlined country strategic plan consultation process that begins with a four-week online consultation for the membership to provide written technical comments on draft country strategic plans, followed by an informal consultation focused on strategic issues, after the conclusion of the online review and the provision of management responses. The Board *advised* that the format for the presentation of country strategic plans during formal sessions remain as per current practice;

For the presentation of operational matters, the Board also *advised* that regional overviews are no longer tabled during Board sessions and that regional operational matters be addressed as part of the oral global overview of humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities;

- 17) sub-recommendation 12.2: the Board *decided* to hold the first regular session in two parts in January and February: a brief session will take place in January and be solely dedicated to the election of the Bureau; following the election, the session will be suspended to resume in February to cover the standard business of current first regular sessions. Both parts will take place in person at WFP headquarters. The Board *decided* to maintain the current documentation posting deadlines for items to be discussed in February and noted that Rule III.6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board should be revised accordingly;
- 18) sub-recommendation 12.3: the Board *decided* not to introduce any change to the current Bureau membership term, whereby Bureau members are appointed for a tenure of one year;
- 19) sub-recommendation 12.4: the Board *advised* that the general roles and responsibilities of the List convenors be included in the handbook that will be developed under sub-recommendation 13.2 as described in the interim report of the working group (WFP/EB.A/2024/12-A/Rev.1); and
- 20) sub-recommendation 12.5: the Board *advised* that the use of digital tools be explored to support the work of List convenors.

- ii) *noted* that no further action was necessary on recommendation 4 and sub-recommendations 5.1, 5.2, 9.3 and 12.1, based on the working group's advice as follows:

- 1) recommendation 4: the working group had provided its recommendations to the Secretariat on the ongoing policy framework review, which is informing the finalization of WFP's forthcoming policy on policy formulation;
 - 2) sub-recommendation 5.1: an adequate level of coordination among the oversight bodies to prevent overlaps had been reached and synergies or similarities between oversight recommendations could be helpful in reinforcing or corroborating recommendations;
 - 3) sub-recommendation 5.2: coordination among the oversight functions on their workplans had improved, minimizing the impact on WFP teams;
 - 4) sub-recommendation 9.3: the proposal to leverage and expand the current online virtual consultation platform for policy matters had been addressed under sub-recommendations 3.2 and 3.3; and
 - 5) sub-recommendation 12.1: the proposal to facilitate a clear understanding of the role and responsibilities of the Bureau was addressed under sub-recommendations 13.1 (conduct a half-day introductory session for Bureau members) and 13.2 (develop a handbook for Bureau members) in the interim report of the working group (WFP/EB.A/2024/12-A/Rev.1).
- iii) further to sub-recommendation 12.2, which concerns holding the first regular session in two parts in January and February, the Executive Board *approved* the revision of Rule III.6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board as follows: "The Executive Director shall submit documentation relating to items on the provisional agenda, in the languages of the Board in accordance with Rule XIV, to the members of the Board and observers representing Members of the United Nations or Members or Associate Members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, normally four weeks before the agenda item is considered at a session. The documentation shall clearly present the issues proposed for decision by the Board."
- iv) *noted* that no further action was necessary on recommendation 4 from the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled *Review of governance and oversight of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF and UN Women* on sub-committees, especially with regard to oversight.
- v) *requested* the Secretariat to review, prepare responses and take action, as appropriate, on points outlined in the External Auditor's separate report on the specific examination of competencies transferred from the Executive Board to the Executive Director as laid out in annex II, taking note that action points 3 and 4 on budgetary matters had been issued as formal recommendations in the

External Auditor's report on the audited annual accounts 2023 (WFP/EB.A/2024/6-A/1) and had been accepted by the Secretariat.

- vi) *requested* the Executive Board Secretariat to provide regular updates to the Board on the implementation of the above recommendations.

19 November 2024

Administrative and managerial matters

2024/EB.2/5 Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2025–2026)

The Board approved the biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2025–2026) as set out in document WFP/EB.2/2024/8-A and as proposed by the Bureau and the Secretariat.

19 November 2024

Middle East, Northern Africa and Eastern Europe portfolio

20024/EB.2/6 Interim country strategic plan – Ukraine (2025–2027)

The Board approved the Ukraine interim country strategic plan (2025–2027) (WFP/EB.2/2024/7-A/4) at a total cost to WFP of USD 2,113,908,594.

19 November 2024

Policy issues

2024/EB.2/7 Resilience policy update

The Board approved the resilience policy update (WFP/EB.2/2024/4-A)

20 November 2024

2024/EB.2/8 Climate change policy update

The Board approved the climate change policy update (WFP/EB.2/2024/4-C).

20 November 2024

2024/EB.2/9 School meals policy update

The Board approved the school meals policy update (WFP/EB.2/2024/4-B).

20 November 2024

2024/EB.2/10 WFP revised corporate results framework (2022–2025)

The Board approved the WFP revised corporate results framework (2022–2025) (WFP/EB.2/2024/4-D)

20 November 2024

Evaluation reports

2024/EB.2/11 Summary evaluation report on the mid-term evaluation of the WFP strategic plan (2022–2025) and management response

The Board took note of the summary evaluation report on the mid-term evaluation of the WFP strategic plan (2022–2025) (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-A) and management response (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-A/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

20 November 2024

2024/EB.2/12 Synthesis of evidence and lessons on WFP's cooperating partners from centralized and decentralized evaluations and management response

The Board took note of the synthesis of evidence and lessons on WFP's cooperating partners from centralized and decentralized evaluations, set out in document WFP/EB.2/2024/6-B and the management response set out in document WFP/EB.2/2024/6-B/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations presented in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

20 November 2024

Latin America and the Caribbean portfolio

2024/EB.2/13 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Cuba (2021–2024) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Cuba (2021–2024) (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/2) and the management response (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/2/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

20 November 2024

2024/EB.2/14 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Colombia (2021–2024) and management response

Country strategic plan – Colombia (2025–2028)

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Colombia (2021–2024) (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/1) and management response (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/1/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

The Board approved the Colombia country strategic plan (2025–2028) (WFP/EB.2/2024/7-A/1) at a total cost to WFP of USD 592,616,675.

21 November 2024

Evaluation reports (continued)

2024/EB.2/15 Summary report on the evaluation of WFP's emergency response to the prolonged crisis in the Sahel and other countries of Central Africa (2018–2023) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of WFP's emergency response to the prolonged crisis in the Sahel and other countries of Central Africa from 2018 to 2023, set out in document WFP/EB.2/2024/6-D and the management response set out in document WFP/EB.2/2024/6-D/Add.1 and encouraged further action on the recommendations presented in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

21 November 2024

Western Africa portfolio

2024/EB.2/16 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Mali (2020–2024) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Mali (2020–2024) (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/3) and the management response (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/3/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

21 November 2024

2024/EB.2/17 Country strategic plan – Senegal (2025–2029)

The Board approved the Senegal country strategic plan (2025–2029) (WFP/EB.2/2024/7-A/3) at a total cost to WFP of USD 149,967,522.

21 November 2024

Middle East, Northern Africa and Eastern Europe portfolio

2024/EB.2/18 Summary report on the evaluation of the interim country strategic plans for the Syrian Arab Republic (2018–2025) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the interim country strategic plan for the Syrian Arab Republic (2018–2025) (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/5) and the management response (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/5/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

21 November 2024

Eastern Africa portfolio

2024/EB.2/19 Summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Rwanda (2019–2023) and management response

The Board took note of the summary report on the evaluation of the country strategic plan for Rwanda (2019–2023) (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/4) and the management response (WFP/EB.2/2024/6-C/4/Add.1) and encouraged further action on the recommendations set out in the report, taking into account the considerations raised by the Board during its discussion.

21 November 2024

Southern Africa portfolio

2024/EB.2/20 Country strategic plan – Namibia (2025–2029)

The Board approved the Namibia country strategic plan (2025–2029) (WFP/EB.2/2024/7-A/2) at a total cost to WFP of USD 17,077,124.

21 November 2024

Administrative and managerial matters**2024/EB.2/21 Appointment of one member to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee**

The Board approved the appointment of the following candidate as member of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee:

- Ms. Laura Born (United States of America).

Her three-year term will begin on 1 March 2025 and expire on 29 February 2028.

21 November 2024

2024/EB.2/22 Summary of the work of the 2024 annual session of the Executive Board

The Board approved the draft summary of the work of its 2024 annual session, the final version of which would be embodied in document WFP/EB.A/2024/14.

21 November 2024

Agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda** *(for approval)*
2. **Appointment of the Rapporteur**
3. **Opening remarks by the Executive Director, including an overview of current and future opportunities and challenges for WFP**
4. **Policy issues**
 - a) Resilience policy update *(for approval)*
 - b) School meals policy update *(for approval)*
 - c) Climate change policy update *(for approval)*
 - d) WFP revised corporate results framework (2022–2025) *(for approval)*
 - e) Update on the implementation of WFP's cash policy *(for information)**
 - f) Compendium of policies relating to the strategic plan *(for information)*
 - g) Update on collaboration among the Rome-based agencies *(for information)*
5. **Resource, financial and budgetary matters**
 - a) WFP management plan (2025–2027) *(for approval)*
 - b) Report of the External Auditor on findings from field audits and WFP management response *(for consideration)*
6. **Evaluation reports** *(for consideration)*
 - a) Summary evaluation report on the mid-term evaluation of the WFP strategic plan (2022–2025) and management response
 - b) Synthesis of evidence and lessons on WFP's cooperating partners and management response

* Items marked with an asterisk are to be presented for information only but will nevertheless be discussed during the session.

- c) Summary evaluation reports on country strategic plans and management responses:
 - 1. Colombia (2021–2024)
 - 2. Cuba (2021–2024)
 - 3. Mali (2020–2024)
 - 4. Rwanda (2019–2023)
 - 5. Syrian Arab Republic (2018–2025)
- d) Summary report on the evaluation of WFP's emergency response to the prolonged crisis in the Sahel and other countries of Central Africa (2018–2023) and management response

7. Operational matters

- a) Country strategic plans (*for approval*)
 - 1. Colombia (2025–2028)
 - 2. Namibia (2025–2029)
 - 3. Senegal (2025–2029)
 - 4. Ukraine (2025–2027)
- b) Oral global overview of humanitarian needs and operational concerns and priorities (*for information*) *
- c) Oral update on the global assurance project (*for information*) *
- d) Revisions of country strategic plans, interim country strategic plans and transitional interim country strategic plans, and corresponding budget increases, approved under delegations of authority (1 January 2024–30 June 2024) (*for information*)

8. Organizational and procedural matters

- a) Biennial programme of work of the Executive Board (2025–2026) (*for approval*)

9. Administrative and managerial matters

- a) Appointment of one member to the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (*for approval*)

10. Summary of the work of the 2024 annual session of the Executive Board *(for approval)*

11. Other business

- a) Second interim report of the Executive Board working group on the governance review *(for approval)*
- b) Report of the joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP *(for information)*

12. Verification of adopted decisions and recommendations

