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Item 17.2 - Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2019

Member Name	Comments
Zimbabwe – Member (26/11/20 13:32)	Zimbabwe expresses its appreciation to the WFP Management for the Annual Performance Report for 2019 which provides a comprehensive record of WFP performance for the year. The detailed report shows how WFP continued to work under incredibly challenging conditions to break the cycle of hunger and poverty in the 88 countries where it operated. Among the challenges were; unending conflicts in many parts of the world, increasingly frequent natural disasters, droughts and flooding due to changing weather patterns and economic crises across the globe. According to the report, despite these challenges in 2019, WFP assisted 97 million people, representing the largest number of people assisted since 2012. WFP attended to Level 3 (highest classification of the intensity of severity of emergencies) and Level 2 emergencies in 20 countries, including long-standing operations in conflict hit countries such as Syria, Yemen and in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). In addition, the organisation scaled-up operations in Southern Africa when Cyclone Idai hit countries including Zimbabwe in March 2019. These efforts were possible thanks to a record-breaking USD 8 billion in confirmed financial contributions for 2019, representing an upward trend of 66 percent compared to the past years. Zimbabwe was among the top three countries in southern Africa where WFP had its highest direct expenditure level, with the highest expenditure being on crisis response and resilience building. WFP has continued to scale up operations in Zimbabwe which experienced ongoing food security challenges due to recurrent droughts and economic challenges. We express our deep appreciation and gratitude to WFP for these efforts and to the donors who made WFP’s work possible. The COVID-19 pandemic brought with it unique challenges for WFP’s operations and in that regard, Zimbabwe urges the organisation to continue scaling up operations and intensifying efforts to diversify funding sources to meet the increasing needs. This is even more important given the fact that major donor countries are also affected by the pandemic. Thank you.
Indonesia – Member (Thursday 26/11/2020 14:08)	We thank WFP Secretariat for preparing the 2019 Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the FAO Council. Indonesia appreciates the continuous work of WFP in assisting countries and communities in emergency situation and congratulate the Noble Prize awards given to WFP. Indonesia commends WFP work at the humanitarian development and peace nexus work to break the cycle of hunger and poverty that traps millions of people. We encourage WFP to increase its collaboration with other UN agencies under the leadership of the UN Resident Coordinator, such as with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and UN Women on ‘Adaptive Social Protection’, with UNICEF on nutrition, and with FAO and IFAD.

<p>European Union – Member (Thursday 26/11/2020 15:55)</p>	<p>The EU and its Member States offer their sincere congratulations to the World Food Programme on its receipt of the Nobel Peace Prize. This is a well-deserved tribute to the admirable work done by the World Food Programme and its highly motivated staff in fighting hunger and malnutrition around the globe. Every day they save countless lives, while putting their own lives at risk. Their courage, efforts and commitment continue despite the considerable challenges they face, particularly during the current COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The World Food Programme stands for the very best that international cooperation and worldwide solidarity can achieve in making our world a better place. And the receipt of the Nobel Peace Prize is testimony to the programme's contribution to humanity and to its strong international responsibility.</p> <p>The EU and its Member States remain committed to these values and will do everything in their power to continue supporting the World Food Programme and the other Rome-based Agencies in the future, to secure the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG 2 and SDG 1.</p>
<p>Spain – Member (Thursday 26/11/2020 16:48)</p>	<p>We would like to make the following points regarding the 2019 Annual Report of the World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Board to ECOSOC and the FAO Council</p> <p>To show our full support for the intervention of the EU and its Member States.</p> <p>To congratulate the WFP and all its staff for their well-deserved Nobel Peace Prize.</p> <p>Spain remains firmly committed to the WFP, as it is to the other Rome-Based Agencies (RBAs), in their future work.</p>
<p>Dominican Republic – Member (Thursday 26/11/2020 17:18)</p>	<p>The Dominican Republic [a] emphasizes that the document is a comprehensive overview of the achievements of the World Food Programme (WFP) throughout 2019 and illustrates the Programme's continuing work at the meeting point between humanitarian action, development assistance and peacebuilding, as well as in the fight against hunger and poverty with a view to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with the emphasis on SDP 1 and 2, and [b] welcomes the award of the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize to WFP. This is a message of support for WFP and recognition of its efforts to play a central role in global humanitarian assistance, because “ hunger is the war”.</p>
<p>Canada – Member (Thursday 26/11/20 17:30)</p>	<p>We appreciate the work of WFP and the integral role it plays in responding to the needs of the most vulnerable as it helps to address food insecurity and malnutrition, as reflected in the 2019 Annual Performance Report. We applaud WFP’s fundraising efforts and note the growth in revenue in 2019, but also the fact that needs continue to increase year over year, making WFP’s growing funding gap a real concern. In the context of funding gaps, how is WFP prioritizing programming decisions? We look forward to WFP sharing information on how efficiency gains are being measured and on future marginal gains anticipated from existing efficiency measures.</p>