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Item 17.2 – World Food Programme – Annual Report of the WFP Executive Board on its activities in 2021

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Australia</b><br/>(Wed 17/11/2021<br/>7:03)</p> | <p>Australia notes the information provided and we respectfully provide the following comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We congratulate WFP’s achievements in 2020, with a record level of beneficiaries reached and funding received despite the incredibly challenging circumstances.</li> <li>2. We commend WFP for the rapid setup of its COVID-19 response in 2020, and most particularly for providing common services to the entire humanitarian community.</li> <li>3. Australia is concerned by key characteristics of WFP’s funding: particularly at the very low share of WFP’s funding that is flexible; and at WFP’s reliance on a handful of donors. With the level of humanitarian need escalating and spread across multiple crises, there has never been greater need for a stable and flexible resource base.</li> <li>4. Alongside a need for more funds and greater flexibility, results will be best achieved when resources are used most efficiently. We appreciate WFP has invested heavily in robust governance systems that are critical to support and enable effective and efficient programming.</li> <li>5. We appreciate the inclusion of disaggregated data, but would welcome better quality information on vulnerabilities, including disabilities.</li> <li>6. Australia would like to particularly acknowledge and support WFP’s commitment to partnerships across the full breadth of the humanitarian and development systems. We would like to see even greater collaboration, including local partnerships, better articulated in the Annual Performance Report moving forward.</li> <li>7. We also commend WFP and its Executive Board Members for progress on a comprehensive suite of policies that will ensure greater attention to gender, protection and accountability, disability inclusion and workforce culture. These cross-cutting issues are a high priority for Australia, and will see a strong and capable WFP with a quality workforce, better able to assist and support beneficiaries.</li> </ol> |
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