

2007/9. The Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative

The Executive Board,

Having considered the document E/ICEF/2007/11 and decision 2007/EB.1/3 of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (WFP);

1. *Approves* the participation of UNICEF in the Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative (ECHUI), including its work plan and secretariat as described in E/ICEF/2007/11;
2. *Urges* the Executive Director to ensure that the medium-term strategic plan (MTSP), including its cross-cutting strategies and support strategies, is the guiding strategic and financial framework for all of UNICEF partnerships, including ECHUI;
3. *Takes note of* the report of the Executive Director and in this regard, approves the allocation of up to \$1 million of resources to fund the joint secretariat for this Initiative from core resources in the absence of other resources to fund the secretariat.
4. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit at the annual session of the Executive Board in June 2008 a report on the implementation of the Initiative including among others a description of:
 - (a) the Initiative's implications on the allocation by UNICEF of financial and human resources at global and country level;as well as, in consultation with WFP and other partners,
 - (b) the involvement and ownership of national Governments in the implementation of the Initiative;
 - (c) an overview of the resources mobilized for the implementation of the Initiative;
 - (d) the linkages between the implementation of the Initiative and the Common Country Assessment, United Nations Development Assistance Framework and poverty reduction strategy processes;
 - (e) the results of this Initiative, including the work of the secretariat.

*Annual session
7 June 2007*

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