

2007/1. Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative

The Executive Board,

1. *Takes note* of the Global Framework for Action for the Ending Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative and decision 2006/EB.2/2 of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme, and encourages UNICEF to continue discussions with Member States and relevant partners on its further development;
2. *Recognizes* the Initiative's potential contribution to achieving Millennium Development Goal 1 in mobilizing the wider global partnerships required to end child hunger and undernutrition, in particular those aimed at developing more effective support to States in the implementation of national plans related to children's nutrition;
3. *Requests* UNICEF to ensure that the medium-term strategic plan (MTSP), including its support strategies, is the guiding framework for UNICEF involvement in the Initiative;
4. *Stresses* the importance of the finalization of the support strategies for other focus areas of the MTSP;
5. *Requests* UNICEF to develop and submit a report, no later than the annual session of 2008, on partnerships including an overview of existing partnerships;
6. *Requests* the Executive Director to submit at the annual session of the Executive Board in June 2007 a report for action on the following issues, in order for the Executive Board to review the role and involvement of UNICEF in the Initiative:
 - (a) The exact role, functions and responsibilities of UNICEF in the implementation of the Initiative and the division of labour amongst partners;
 - (b) Implications and consequences of the implementation of the Initiative on the capacity of UNICEF to achieve the organizational targets under each of the five MTSP focus areas at the global level as well as at country level;
 - (c) Implications and consequences of the implementation of the Initiative on the allocation of UNICEF core resources, including to country programmes;
 - (d) Implications of the Initiative for the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and poverty reduction strategy processes and subsequent programming activities of all United Nations funds and programmes at country level;
 - (e) Ways and means to ensure effective links between the Initiative and national plans regarding child hunger and undernutrition developed by States.

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