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The Executive Director

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Dear Mr Moritán

On behalf of the World Food Programme (WFP) Executive Director, Mr David Beasley, thank you for the invitation to contribute to the two cluster issues included in the report of the VIII Session.

WFP is pleased to submit the following inputs:

Guiding Question: Autonomy and independence

WFP is committed to delivering impartial, safe and dignified assistance. Ensuring the inclusion of older persons is part of upholding commitments to non-discrimination and responding to the needs of the most vulnerable.

WFP targeting is based on food insecurity status with priority given to the most vulnerable. WFP recognizes that older persons are particularly vulnerable and that this group may have special needs and requirements in humanitarian settings.

WFP ensures that these needs are met through inclusive and dignified assistance by applying the WFP corporate strategy and guidance on accountability to affected populations (AAP). This means ensuring that information provision is conducted using varied communication methods to maximize the reach and coverage of key messages on transfer modalities and entitlements.



In addition, consultations involve people with a range of diversity characteristics, including older persons and persons with disabilities. Complaints and feedback mechanisms (CFMs) are also designed to ensure that all members of the communities, including older persons, can utilize them.

Finally, WFP aims to continuously feedback information collected through consultations and CFMs, including on targeting, barriers to access, and discriminatory attitudes, in order to improve programming.

Guiding Question: Long-term care and palliative care

WFP relies on a household level approach for targeting people in need. As such, WFP does not support institutional feeding. Households are selected based on their level of food security vulnerability. Such vulnerability is determined by factors such as age and disability.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you require any clarifications or additional information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink is written over a blue circular stamp. The stamp contains the text "UNITED NATIONS" at the top, "WFP" in the center, "WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME" at the bottom, and "wfp.org" at the very bottom. The signature is a cursive-style name that appears to be "Coco Ushiyama".

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