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Mr. David Kaye
Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection
of the right to freedom of opinion and expression
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Palais des Nations
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Switzerland

Subject: Access to information in international organizations

Dear Mr. Kaye,

Reference is made to your letter of 7 September 2016 in which you request that the World Food Programme (WFP) share its practices and perspective with regard to the Programme's "access to information" policies.

WFP's main policy and procedures for public access to information are outlined in the "WFP Directive on Information Disclosure" (CP2010/001, <http://docustore.wfp.org/stellent/groups/public/documents/cd/wfp2209zo.pdf>). This directive describes the procedure through which the public can request information about WFP's activities, and the categories of information that cannot be disclosed for confidentiality reasons. The directive also outlines the review/appeal process that a requester can follow if the information being sought is not available under the named categories or if the request is denied for reasons that appear inconsistent with the spirit of the directive. This directive was developed through an effective consultation process. Drafts were circulated for consultation and review to all functional areas or other stakeholders that had an interest in, or would have been affected by, its content. It is also likely that the directive will be revisited by relevant functional units in the near future.

WFP also has a team of spokespersons all over the world who are on stand-by to answer media inquiries. A list of WFP Public Information Officers can be found on WFP's website: <http://www.wfp.org/news/media-contacts>.

In addition, WFP's consolidated policy for disclosure of oversight reports is outlined in the Policy for Disclosure of Oversight Reports (WFP/EB.2/2012/4-A/1, http://docstore.wfp.org/stellent/groups/public/documents/eb/wfpdoc0621_s2.pdf), which has been approved by the Executive Board (which is composed of 36 States Members of the United Nations or Member Nations of the Food and Agriculture Organization). This policy provides for disclosure of internal audit reports and inspection reports to the general public, through placement of the reports on the public website one month after their submission to the Executive Director.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Migone', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Batolomeo Migone
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