

**INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP**  
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**Item 8.3:**  
**Humanitarian Situation in the Democratic Republic of Korea**

**Coordination**

At the IASC-WG meeting on 17 October it was agreed to request the ERC to make a decision on a humanitarian coordination arrangement for DPRK in accordance with the IASC-procedures. The ERC has polled IASC-members on their reaction to his proposal that the Resident Coordinator serve also as Humanitarian Coordinator until March 1998, when this arrangement might be reassessed. Several IASC-members preferred to see a representative of WFP designed as Humanitarian Coordinator. *The ERC representative will give an update on the progress.*

It has been proposed that representatives of UN agencies, international organizations, and NGOs physically present in North Korea meet monthly with DPRK officials to share information and try to resolve outstanding issues.

*The ERC representative will give an update on the implementation of this proposal.*

Preparation has begun by humanitarian agency representatives in Pyongyang of a Code of Conduct for their guidance in conducting their activities in DPRK.

*The ERC representative will report on the development of the Code.*

**Crop Assessment**

By late November results of the crop assessment conducted in the DPRK during October-November should be known within WFP and FAO. *The FAO and WFP representatives will give an update on the findings of the crop assessment mission.*

**Health Situation**

*The WHO and UNICEF representatives will report on the public health situation in the DPRK.*

**Consolidated Appeal**

*The ERC representative will give a status report on plans, including timing, for launching the next consolidated appeal for the DPRK.*