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MULTILATERAL FOOD AID

REVIEW OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. I.S. CHADHA (India)

1. At its 1564th meeting, on 23 September 1967, the General Assembly allocated to the Second Committee agenda item 47, entitled:

"Multilateral food aid:

"(a) Programme of studies on multilateral food aid: report of the Secretary-General;

"(b) Review of the World Food Programme."

At the 1168th meeting, the Committee authorized the Rapporteur to report separately to the Assembly on sub-item (b), "Review of the World Food Programme".

2. The Committee discussed this sub-item during the course of its 1162nd to 1164th meetings, held on 29 and 30 November and 1 December 1967. At its 1162nd meeting, it heard a statement by Mr. A.H. Boerma, Executive Director of the World Food Programme.^{1/}

3. In addition to a note by the Secretary-General (A/6823), the Committee had before it the text of a draft resolution recommended by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1255 (XLIII) of 2 August 1967 on the review of the World Food Programme, two notes by the Secretary-General containing, respectively, extracts from the report of the forty-second session of the FAO Committee on

^{1/} A/C.2/SR.1162.

Commodity Problems and extracts from the report of the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization (A/C.2/238 and A/C.2/240), and the relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its twenty-second session.^{2/}

4. At its 1164th meeting, the Committee considered and adopted, without objection, the draft resolution recommended by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1255 (XLIII).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

5. The Second Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

Recalling the provisions of its resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965, according to which the World Food Programme would be reviewed before each pledging conference and that, subject to the review so provided for, the next pledging conference should be convened in 1967, at which time Governments would be invited to pledge contributions for 1969 and 1970, with a view to reaching such targets as might be recommended by the General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

Noting that a review of the Programme was undertaken by the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme at its eleventh session and by the Economic and Social Council at its forty-third session,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1255 (XLIII) as well as the recommendations contained in the report of the Intergovernmental Committee and the report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme,

Recognizing the value of multilateral food aid both as a form of capital investment and for meeting food needs,

1. Establishes for the two years 1969 and 1970 a target for voluntary contributions of \$200 million, of which not less than one third should be in cash and services, and urges States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to make every effort to ensure the full attainment of the target;

^{2/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6703), chapter IV, section II.

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to convene a pledging conference at United Nations Headquarters early in 1968;

3. Urges Governments that have pledged contributions of commodities or services for the period 1966-1968 to make every possible effort to carry over and make available for the period 1969-1970 any portion of such pledges that may remain unused at the end of 1968, and to indicate their readiness to effect such carry-over when announcing pledges at the third Pledging Conference;

4. Decides that the next following Pledging Conference, subject to the review provided for in General Assembly resolution 2095 (XX), should be convened, at the latest, early in 1970, at which time Governments would be invited to pledge contributions for 1971 and 1972, with a view to reaching whatever target may be recommended by the General Assembly and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.
