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QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR

Report of the Secretary-General

1. At its thirty-sixth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 36/50 of 24 November 1981 concerning the question of East Timor. In paragraph 8 of that resolution the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of the resolution and to report thereon to it at its thirty-seventh session.

2. On 4 January 1982, the Secretary-General transmitted the text of the above resolution to the Governments of Indonesia and Portugal, as well as to the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, and invited them to submit to him information on action taken or envisaged in the implementation of the relevant provisions of the resolution.

3. In a letter dated 2 March 1982, addressed to the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) stated as follows:

"With reference to paragraph 5 of resolution 36/50, WFP, under the terms of its present mandate, may give consideration to requests for assistance that are in conformity with specific resolutions of the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) that meet the aims of WFP, the implementation being carried out in accordance with the criteria and procedures of the Programme, as appropriate. So far, however, no request has been received in respect of East Timor.

"The contents of paragraph 5 of the resolution have been taken note of and brought to the attention of all concerned in the Programme."

4. The information submitted in the related context by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to the Secretary-General on 8 June 1982 in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 36/52 of 24 November 1981 concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and

Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations contains an account of its activities relating to East Timor (see A/37/177/Add.2).

5. At its thirty-seventh session, the General Assembly will have before it the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to East Timor (A/37/23 (Part V), chap. X), as well as a working paper on the item prepared by the Secretariat (A/AC.109/715) which the Committee decided to transmit to the Assembly in order to facilitate consideration of the item by the Fourth Committee. The statements made by members in connection with the Special Committee's consideration of the item are contained in the record of its 1226th meeting (A/AC.109/PV.1226).

6. Any further information which the Secretary-General may receive on the question will be issued as an addendum to the present report.
