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JAMES CHARLES INGRAM APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and Director-General Edouard Saouma of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), after consultations with the members of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, have appointed James Charles Ingram as Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP).

Mr. Ingram is a national of Australia and a graduate of the University of Melbourne in economics and political science. Posts held by Mr. Ingram while serving with his Government's Department of Foreign Affairs have included Australian Ambassador to the Philippines and subsequently Australia's High Commissioner to Canada and concurrently to Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago.

From 1974 to 1976, he was First Assistant Secretary, Bilateral Programmes Division, Australian Development Assistance Agency.

He is presently Director of the Australian Development Assistance Bureau. In that capacity, he has been responsible for planning and administering Australia's Overseas Aid Programme.

Mr. Ingram assumes his function on 1 April for a term of five years.

Born 27 February 1928, Mr. Ingram is married and has three children.

This revision corrects the headline.