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## SPECIAL REPORT

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1. The Director has submitted to the General Assembly, in accordance with resolution 302 (IV), the annual report covering the period 1 July 1951 to 30 June 1952 (A/2171).

2. The Director and the Advisory Commission together have reviewed the programme operations of this period and now join in summary conclusions and recommendations for the consideration of the General Assembly.

3. In late January 1952, the General Assembly at its sixth session unanimously approved a programme of \$250 million for relief and improvement of refugee living conditions, to be carried out over a period of approximately three years, starting as of 1 July 1951.

4. During the intervening months, the Agency has made a sustained effort to negotiate programme agreements with the governments in the area and to start projects which would take refugees off relief without prejudice to their interests in repatriation or compensation.

5. The time consumed in negotiations and in the search for projects has inevitably resulted in slower progress than was hoped. The new programme has, in fact, started: there are programme agreements and projects are under way. However, a revision of the schedule and fiscal plan is necessary.

6. Relief costs for the current fiscal year will approximate \$23 million instead of the estimated \$18 million. On projects, the Agency is prepared financially to commit and to expend during the current fiscal year \$100 million. It is hoped to execute project agreements for the balance of the programme by 30 June 1954.

7. Acceleration of the programme is essential. The deteriorating effects of camp life and ration lines are cumulative. Relief funds are running out. The flow of funds for projects cannot be sustained unless funds now available are utilized.

8. The Director and the Advisory Commission would urge the governments concerned to co-operate with the Agency in the preparation of specific projects and in

giving all possible help for their execution. The co-operation of the governments concerned is also sought on other measures which will reduce expenditures on relief.

9. The Director and the Advisory Commission would, therefore, request the General Assembly, at its seventh session, to take action on the following lines:

(a) To authorize the Agency to expend \$23 million for relief and to commit and expend \$100 million for projects in the fiscal year 1952/1953 provided, however, that the Director, after consultations with the Advisory Commission, may make revisions of the foregoing estimates and such transfers between funds as may be deemed necessary;

(b) Further to authorize the Director, after consultation with the Advisory Commission, to formulate and revise as required a fiscal plan for the fiscal year 1953/1954 within the limits of the over-all programme approved by General Assembly resolution 513 (VI) of 26 January 1952;

(c) To direct that revisions and transfers with respect to fiscal plans for 1952/1953 and 1953/1954 be reported to the General Assembly at its eighth regular session;

(d) To request that negotiations for contributions necessary to finance the programme be continued by the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds in accordance with the foregoing arrangements.

*The Advisory Commission:*

*Director:*

*(Signed)*

John B. BLANDFORD, JR.

*(Signed)*

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Beirut, 13 October 1952.