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REVIEW OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In 1965, the General Assembly decided to extend the World Food Programme on a continuing basis for as long as multilateral food aid was found feasible and desirable, on the understanding that the programme would be regularly reviewed before each Pledging Conference (General Assembly resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965). In resolution 2290 (XXII) of 8 December 1967, the General Assembly decided that, subject to such review, the next Pledging Conference 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.
2. The FAO Council, at its fifty-second session, and the Economic and Social Council, at its forty-seventh session, conducted their review of the World Food Programme. Before these bodies was the seventh annual report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme.^{1/} A draft resolution on the target for pledges to the World Food Programme for the period 1971-1972, which was recommended by the Intergovernmental Committee and amended by the FAO Council, was adopted by the Economic and Social Council as resolution 1443 (XLVII) of 1 August 1969. A similar resolution will be before the

^{1/} See E/4696.

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FAO Conference when it meets in November of this year. The Council resolution, which incorporates a draft resolution for adoption by the Assembly, reads as follows:

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the seventh annual report of the United Nations/FAO Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme,

Noting the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Committee concerning the target for voluntary contributions for the period 1971-1972,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2462 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 on multilateral food aid, which recognized the special competence and experience of the World Food Programme in the field of multilateral food aid,

1. Submits for the consideration and approval of the General Assembly the draft resolution set forth below;

2. Urges States Members of the United Nations and members and associate members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to undertake the necessary preparation for the announcement of pledges at the Fourth Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme:

"The General Assembly;

"Recalling the provisions of its resolution 2095 (XX) of 20 December 1965 on the continuation of the World Food Programme according to which the Programme is to be reviewed before each pledging conference,

"Recalling the provisions of operative paragraph 4 of its resolution 2290 (XXII) of 8 December 1967 on the review of the World Food Programme that, subject to the review mentioned above, the next pledging conference 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 such a target as may be recommended by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

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

"Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 1443 (XLVII) of 1 August 1969 on the target for pledges to the World Food Programme for the period 1971-1972, as well as the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee,

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"Recognizing the value of multilateral food aid as implemented by the World Food Programme since its inception and the necessity for continuing its action both as a form of capital investment and for meeting emergency food needs,

"1. Establishes for the two years 1971 and 1972 a target for voluntary contributions of \$300 million, of which not less than one third should be in cash and services, and expresses the hope that such resources will be augmented by substantial additional contributions from other sources in recognition of the prospective volume of sound project requests and the capacity of the World Food Programme to operate at a higher level;

"2. 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;

"3. Urges Governments that have pledged contributions of commodities or services for the period 1969-1970 to make every possible effort to carry over and make available for the period 1971-1972 any portion of such pledges that may remain unused at the end of 1970, and to indicate their readiness to effect such a carry-over when announcing pledges at the Fourth Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme;

"4. 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 for this purpose at United Nations Headquarters early in 1970;

"5. 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 1972, at which time Governments should be invited to pledge contributions for 1973 and 1974 with a view to reaching such a target as may then be recommended by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations."

3. An account of the discussion in the Economic and Social Council appears in chapter X, section D, of its report to the Assembly.^{2/}

^{2/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/7603).