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WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In resolution 1714 I (XVI), when approving the establishment of an experimental World Food Programme, to be undertaken jointly by the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the General Assembly decided to undertake, not later than at its nineteenth session, a general review of the Programme. In resolution 971 A (XXXVI), the Economic and Social Council recommended that the General Assembly defer a general review of the Programme from its nineteenth to its twentieth session.
2. The Intergovernmental Committee of the World Food Programme gave preliminary consideration to the future of the Programme at its seventh session, held from 31 March to 1 April 1965. The Committee had before it a substantial documentation including a joint report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of FAO (now before the General Assembly as document E/4015) and a report by the Executive Director of the Programme (also before the General Assembly as document E/4043). The Committee's recommendations, which are reproduced in document E/4060, were considered, in the first instance, by the Economic and Social Council and by the Council of FAO.
3. The recommendations of the Economic and Social Council, in the form of a draft resolution for the consideration and approval of the General Assembly, are contained in resolution 1080 (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965, as modified by resolution 1094 (XXXIX) of 23 November 1965. For the convenience of the Committee, the draft resolution submitted by the Council is being reproduced in document A/C.2/L.839.

4. A parallel resolution with the same operative provisions was submitted by the FAO Council to the FAO Conference and was adopted without change on 6 December 1965. The relevant extract from the report of the Conference is being circulated for the information of the General Assembly in document A/6149.
5. The Committee's attention is also invited to those sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly dealing with the World Food Programme.^{1/}

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6003), chapter XI, section IV; A/6003/Add.1, chapter II, section II.