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WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

Resolution 99(VI) adopted by the Commission
at its 111th plenary meeting on 28 February 1964

The Economic Commission for Africa,

Having noted the progress report on the World Food Programme,

1. Welcomes the programme as an additional source of aid to developing countries;
2. Notes with satisfaction that many African States have made pledges to the Programme;
3. Notes further that a number of African countries have applied for, and are receiving, food aid from the Programme to assist in economic and social development projects thereby contributing to the attainment of the objectives of economic and social development in Africa;
4. Expresses satisfaction with the progress made by the Programme;
5. Calls upon member States in the African region who have not already done so to familiarize themselves with the WFP procedures and make appropriate pledges as soon as possible, preferably by 30 June 1964, and in any case not later than 30 June 1965, since the experimental Programme comes to an end on 31 December 1965;
6. Stresses the importance of ensuring that at least one-third of the pledges are made in cash to afford the Programme the flexibility it needs;

7. Invites all member countries that have not already done so to examine urgently their development plans in order to identify labour-intensive projects that could be assisted with food aid in their implementation, and to submit appropriate project requests as soon as possible for consideration by the secretariat of the Programme;

8. Expresses the hope that considerations based on the results of the evaluation of the experiment and on the five studies will lead to the placing of the programme on a permanent basis and, in that event, that the range of commodities placed at the disposal of the Programme will be extended to include productive requisites such as fertilizers which would help to increase food production in the region and thereby help reduce dependence on external food aid as quickly as possible.