



Resolution 434 (1970)¹

Reply to the 3rd report on the activities of the World Food Programme of the United Nations / FAO

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Having taken note of the third report to the Council of Europe on the activities of the World Food Programme (WFP) ;
2. Recalling its [Recommendation 515](#) adopted in connection with the presentation of the second report by WFP in January 1968,
3. Notes with satisfaction that the target for voluntary contribution to WFP of \$ 200 million for the current two-year period (1969-1970) has been attained and even exceeded, and that this is due to a great extent to substantial contributions of skim milk powder and butter oil made available by the European Economic Community on behalf of its Members ;
4. Welcomes the decision to increase the target for the next pledging period, 1971-1972, to \$ 300 million ;
5. Hopes that the flexibility and efficiency that have characterised WFP will be maintained, and underlines the importance of project co-ordination at country and regional level ;
6. While recognising that food aid should not be too institutionalised, approves the principle of longer-term projects, and considers that funds and appropriate commodities should be committed for such periods as are necessary for these projects to be of lasting effect ;
7. Welcomes the efforts made by the organisations of the UN family to co-ordinate their development activities still further at all levels of planning and implementation, and hopes that such efforts will increasingly embrace bilateral development assistance, e.g. through consortia and consultative groups ;
8. Believes that the experience gained by WFP warrants entrusting it with an increasingly important role in the Second UN Development Decade ;
9. Resolves to use its influence :
 - a. to make the activities of WFP better known in national parliaments and constituencies ;
 - b. to ensure that food aid should not detract from governmental efforts to provide development assistance in other forms ;
 - c. to encourage efforts aiming at tailoring such food aid to the needs of recipients.

1. Assembly debate on 28 January 1970 (24th Sitting) (see [Doc. 2717](#), report of the Committee on Agriculture). Text adopted by the Assembly on 28 January 1970 (24th Sitting).

