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COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

concerning food aid actions to be carried out through UNICEF

By letter of 22 October 1974 and telex of 18 November 1974 UNICEF asks, within the two food aid agreements to be concluded⁽¹⁾ in application of the 1974 programmes (one of the supply of 10 000 tonnes of cereals, the other on the supply of 2 250 tonnes of skimmed milk powder), the allocation of certain quantities of food aid in favour of children and mothers dependent on its programme of assistance.

- I. In application of the agreement on the supply of 10 000 tonnes of cereals in the form of 5 000 tonnes of rolled oats, UNICEF asks for the following allocations, covering the whole quantity :

C o u n t r y	Quantities (tonnes)	Number of beneficiaries (children & mothers)	Daily ration (grammes)	Duration of programme (months)
Republic of Vietnam	1 000	138 000	40	6
Laos	100	11 000	50	6
Bangladesh	3 900	433 000	50	6
Total	5 000			

Concerning delivery arrangements, UNICEF asks for delivery CIF⁽²⁾. Moreover it draws the attention of the Community to the necessity of deliveries commencing in January 1975 in order not to interrupt existing programmes of assistance in favour of these beneficiaries.

- II. In application of the agreement on the supply of 2 250 tonnes of skimmed milk powder, UNICEF asks for the following allocations, also covering the whole quantity :

(1) which were transmitted to the Council on 22 October 1974 and should be approved by the Council at the beginning of December 1974.

(2) In accordance with the decision of the Council of 21 March 1974 which provides for, in favour of UNICEF, the deliveries free destination and according to the Agreement on the supply which stipulates that the place of destination (CIF, free frontier or other) will be agreed upon from case to case.

C o u n t r y	Quantities (tonnes)	Number of beneficiar. (children & mothers)	Daily ration (grammes)	Duration of programme (months)
Ethiopia	950	88 000	60	6
Mauritania	100	20 000	40	4
Niger	300	42 000	60	4
Upper Volta	200	28 000	60	4
Republic Vietnam	250	52 000	40	4
Khmer Republic	240	33 000	60	4
Burma	210	35 000	50	4
Total	2 250			

Concerning delivery arrangements, UNICEF asks for free frontier of the recipient country in the case of Niger and Upper Volta, and CIF in other cases.⁽¹⁾ For these actions also it emphasises the necessity of deliveries commencing in January 1975, in order not to interrupt existing programmes in favour of these beneficiaries.

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In view of the considerations put forward by UNICEF, the Commission recommends the Council to give a favorable response both to the proposed actions and to the proposed delivery arrangements. Because of the necessity, stressed by UNICEF, to begin deliveries in January 1975, the Commission asks the Council :

- 1) to approve the proposed actions by means of an accelerated procedure, of which principle and arrangements were decided by the Food Aid Ad Hoc Group at its meeting on 15 November 1974;
- 2) to authorize the execution of operations as soon as the Council has decided upon the conclusion of the two agreements to be signed with UNICEF, and upon the actions as defined in the present communication.

(1) In accordance with the decision of the Council of 11 July 1974 which provides for, in favour of UNICEF, the deliveries free destination and according to the Agreement on the supply which stipulates that the place of destination (CIF, free frontier or other) will be agreed upon from case to case.