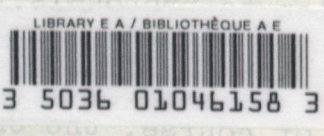


A good deal of progress has been made in this direction since Resolution 1496 (XV) was passed one year ago in the General Assembly. We have before us Doc.A/4907 of October 6, 1961, which outlines specific joint UN/FAO proposals for a Food Bank. These suggestions will be given careful and detailed consideration very shortly in the FAO Council, which meets at the end of this month, and at the eleventh session of the FAO Conference meeting next month in Rome. It is the hope of my Government that this Assembly will at this session set up a World Food Bank in which top priority will be placed on meeting the requirements of emergency situations. In our view it is also important to take steps to relieve hunger and misery arising from less than emergency conditions. The generous offer of the United States to contribute at least \$40 million in commodities to a \$100 million Food Bank augurs well for the success of this bold new venture. Canada for its part will also make a substantial contribution and will lend every effort to ensure that the World Food Bank fulfills its great promise.

The sixteenth session began overshadowed by a great tragedy. But out of this trial I believe that the vast majority of member states have turned their sense of shock into a sense of determination that the United Nations must enhance and increase its work to accomplish the aims and purposes for which the organization was created. From this Committee especially the organization should be able to expect new approaches and new vigour, imagination and wisdom. My delegation will pledge its best efforts to the realization of this era of new endeavour.



We are all agreed that long-range planning is essential to effective and practicable development programmes at the national level. In the same way, international co-operation must be geared to the long-range needs of developing countries. However, while concentrating on long-range goals, we must not neglect immediate and pressing needs or sudden reverses which can undermine the best efforts of the long-range planner. With this in mind, Canada has pressed vigorously for the establishment of a World Food Bank under United Nations auspices. When this Committee turns to a consideration of item 28(c), my delegation will press for a decision to set such a Food Bank in operation.

the emphasis which so many delegations have placed on the need to self-preservation but as a measure of our common involvement in and ensure that they are realized, not for the restrictive goal of co-operation. But the prevention cannot be the compass of our field is equally important and this was undoubtedly in the minds further - the prevention by a determined effort in the economic function is a crucial responsibility of the United Nations. At the same time, however, - if I might stretch the analogy a little there is no question that the fire brigades, confined to damping down international rivalries and tensions. There is no question that the fire brigades will give serious attention to the banner of a "poverty, hunger and dis-1960's a decade of development. It is our hope that the Committee of the distinguished delegates of the United States to make the But this is to deal with what is now being done. Turning to what is yet to be done, I should like to support the proposal