

CROSS THE LINES OF CONFLICT AND CARRY SUPPLIES TO CERTAIN FAMINE AREAS IN THE NORTH.

THE JOINT RELIEF PARTNERSHIP (JRP), COMPRISING THE ETHIOPIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY AND THREE CHURCH RELIEF AGENCIES: THE ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE MEKANE IYESUS CHURCH, WILL DELIVER THE RELIEF ASSISTANCE.

YOU MAY HAVE SHARED WITH ME LAST THURSDAY THE PLEASURE OF SEEING ON TELEVISION THE FIRST CONVOYS ACTUALLY ARRIVING IN THE FAMINE AREA.

HOWEVER, MR. SPEAKER, MORE, MUCH MORE, NEEDS TO BE DONE.

THE SOUTHERN ROUTE MUST BE SUPPLEMENTED BY FURTHER INTENSIVE RELIEF OPERATIONS TO ENSURE THAT FOOD REACHES ALL AREAS OF THE NORTH.

TRADITIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO AREAS WHICH CAN ONLY BE REACHED FROM SUDAN MUST CONTINUE.

I SO INFORMED THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.

AS I HAVE SAID, THE PORT OF MASSAWA IS CRUCIAL IF FAMINE IS TO BE AVOIDED.