

of the Programme's operations was \$100 million. The fact that we have already witnessed the pledging of nearly \$90 million in commodities, services and cash is enormously heartening but even the most optimistic among us know that in three years, and with \$100 million at our disposal we cannot eliminate the scourge of hunger. In practical terms, we can only hope to alleviate its most serious forms and to moderate its most wasteful after effects.

This is a sternly practical view, Mr. Chairman. The World Food Programme is a sternly practical programme. By its very pragmatism we think it will succeed in its objectives where earlier and more far-reaching schemes never got off the drawing-board.

Mr. Chairman, for all the reasons I have mentioned the co-sponsors are asking the General Assembly in this resolution to express its satisfaction that the World Food Programme has been established and to urge those member states which have not already done so to consider the possibility of making a pledge to the Programme.

It is our hope that the World Food Programme will play its part in solving the riddle of a world where, even in the midst of the technological revolution of the 20th Century, hunger continues to exist side by side with plenty. We hope that the resolution before us will be adopted without protracted debate and with unanimous support.

Thank you Mr. Chairman.