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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Signor Panella,

Thank you for your recent telex asking for the question of hunger in the world to be inscribed on the agenda of this week's European Council.

The European Parliament's concern over hunger in the world is well known and respected in the Community. The Parliament's concern is shared by the Council of Ministers and the Commission, who are placing a new emphasis on the Community's food aid policies, on aid for agricultural development and on aid for the least developed.

This emphasis is demonstrated by the Community's "Plan of Action" to combat world hunger, agreed upon at the Development Council on 3 November, which includes a special immediate allocation of 40 mecu extra food aid for the least developed countries.

There is no formal agenda for meetings of the European Council. But I expect that there will be discussion of relations between developed and developing countries, and, in that context, the very serious problem of world hunger will no doubt be addressed.

Yours sincerely,

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Signor Marco Pannella