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EXCELLENCY,

IN DECEMBER 1983 I WROTE TO THE HEADS OF STATE AND
GOVERNMENT OF A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD) TO INDICATE MY
STRONG INTEREST IN THE NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY TO PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO THAT IMPORTANT INSTITUTION.
I POINTED OUT THAT THE CREATION OF IFAD IN 1977 PROVIDED
A UNIQUE NEW INSTRUMENT OF NORTH-SOUTH COOPERATION AS WELL
AS NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR OPEC AND OECD COUNTRIES TO MAKE

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A JOINT EFFORT TO ADDRESS THE GLOBAL PROBLEMS OF FOOD
() POVERTY.

THE URGENT NEED TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER
AND POVERTY HAS NOT DIMINISHED. THIS HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED
IN MANY FORA IN THE PAST YEAR, NOT RECENTLY AT THE TENTH
MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL IN ADDIS
ABABA. I HAVE EXPRESSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS MY DEEP
CONCERN ABOUT THE INCREASINGLY GRAVE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
BEING FACED BY AFRICAN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THEIR
CRITICAL FOOD SITUATION. I STRONGLY FEEL THAT THE BEST MEANS
OF DEALING WITH THESE PROBLEMS IS NOT THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF NEW INSTITUTIONS AND FUNDING MECHANISM BUT RATHER THE
REINFORCEMENT OF EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS IFAD.

IFAD REMAINS IN A PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL STATE DESPITE
BROAD RECOGNITION OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS IN INCREASING
FOOD PRODUCTION AND ALLEVIATING RURAL POVERTY. THE LEVEL
OF ITS COMMITMENTS HAS HAD TO BE REDUCED FOR THE LAST
TWO YEARS DUE TO INADEQUATE RESOURCES. AT THE MOMENT,
THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT RESOURCES WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR PROGRAMMES IN 1985.

I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT OECD AND OPEC COUNTRIES
PARTICIPATING IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SECOND
REPLENISHMENT OF IFAD UNANIMOUSLY RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO
PROVIDE NEW RESOURCES PROMPTLY. HOWEVER, I SHARE THE
DEEP CONCERN OF THE PRESIDENT OF IFAD, ABDELMUHSIN AL-SUDEARY,
ABOUT THE DELAY IN RESOLVING THE QUESTION OF BURDEN-SHARING

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BETWEEN CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS AND IN REACHING DECISIONS ON THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF EACH PARTICIPATING MEMBER.

I UNDERSTAND THAT CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS ARE TAKING INITIATIVES TO PUT FORWARD PROPOSALS AIMED AT RECONCILING EXISTING DIFFERENCES OF VIEW. I STRONGLY URGE YOUR GOVERNMENT TO GIVE THE MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO SUCH INITIATIVES. I AM MAKING SIMILAR REQUESTS TO ALL OECD AND OPEC MEMBERS OF IFAD. I AM CONFIDENT THAT, GIVEN THE STRONG INTEREST OF ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONTINUITY OF IFAD, SOLUTIONS CAN BE FOUND, BASED ON A MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BY MEMBERS OF BOTH OECD AND OPEC OF EACH OTHER'S CONCERNS, WHICH WILL PERMIT THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SECOND REPLENISHMENT OF IFAD AND ENABLE IT TO EFFECTIVELY MEET ITS RESOURCE NEEDS.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION,

JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR
SECRETARY-GENERAL
UNITED NATIONS
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