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NOTIFICATION

The attached notification concerning the measures adopted during the financial years **1995, 1996, 1997, 1998** and **1999** in the framework of the Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least-Developed and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries (**Table NF.1**) was received from the Delegation of **Argentina** on 7 February 2000.

In accordance with the notification requirements within the framework of the Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least-Developed and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries (**Table NF.1**), the following provides details of Argentina's programmes in respect of the Decision.

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PROGRAMME ON LEAST-DEVELOPED
AND NET FOOD-IMPORTING
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES:
ARGENTINA**

Reporting Period: Calendar Year 1995

1. Quantity of food aid provided to least-developed and net food-importing developing countries:

Argentina donated US\$2 million worth, or 13,400 metric tonnes (MT), of maize to Haiti. The maize was distributed as follows: 4,605 MT were distributed in the schools taking part in the school food project and to the farmers participating in the soil conservation and agricultural rehabilitation project; 8,642 MT were monetized in Haiti for a total value of US\$1,728,400 (\$200/MT). Of these funds, US\$1,130,200 were used to cover maritime transport costs of US\$146,265, storage, maintenance, milling and distribution costs of US\$434,437.30 and stevedoring costs of US\$76,112. This operation was begun in September 1995.

2. Indication of the proportion in fully grant or appropriate concessional terms:

All of the food aid was provided in fully on grant terms.

3. Technical and financial assistance under paragraph 3(iii) of the Decision:

None.

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Reporting Period: Calendar Year 1996

1. Quantity of food aid provided to least-developed and net food-importing developing countries:

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2. Indication of the proportion in fully grant or appropriate concessional terms:

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3. Technical and financial assistance under paragraph 3(iii) of the Decision:

Technical assistance was provided through the FO-AR programmes listed below.

PROJECTS UNDER WAY:

Bolivia: Main subject areas: upgrading of human resources, administration for development, regional development, social development.

Costa Rica: Main subject areas: agriculture, administration for development, upgrading of human resources and regional development.

Cuba: Main subject areas: agriculture and fishery, administration for development, environment, regional development and health.

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Panama: Main subject areas: agriculture, administration for development, social development, natural resources and industry.

Paraguay: Projects under way: 73. Main subject areas: regional development, microbiology, health, statistics and census, agriculture, upgrading of human resources, energy, environment, industry, transport, social development, development administration.

Peru: Projects under way: 125. Main subject areas: agriculture, energy, industry, economic management, health, education, development administration, natural resources, upgrading of human resources, microbiology, social development, regional development, institutional strengthening, joint research, transport.

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Reporting Period: Calendar Year 1997

1. Quantity of food aid provided to least-developed and net food-importing developing countries:

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2. Indication of the proportion in fully grant or appropriate concessional terms:

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3. Technical and financial assistance under paragraph 3(iii) of the Decision:

Technical assistance was provided through the FO-AR programmes listed below.

PROJECTS UNDER WAY:

Bolivia: Main subject areas: upgrading of human resources, administration for development, regional development, social development.

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Reporting Period: Calendar Year 1998

1. Quantity of food aid provided to least-developed and net food-importing developing countries:

Operation 5802 – LDCs: Argentine contribution to Sierra Leone as part of the emergency operation in response to the food needs of the population. Amount of aid: \$1 million worth, or 1,556 MT of maize flour. This operation was approved in 1997, but in view of the political situation in Sierra Leone, was only brought in to effect in December 1998. The shipment was sent to Freetown. Transport costs are included in the donation. Direct operational costs amounted to US\$203,835, broken down as follows: port cargo handling and storage, US\$34,567; costs from the port to the distribution centre (EDP), US\$86,202; operations at the EDP, US\$13,046; and distribution costs US\$70,020.

2. Indication of the proportion in fully grant or appropriate concessional terms:

All of the food aid is provided in fully grant terms.

3. Technical and financial assistance under paragraph 3(iii) of the Decision:

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Bolivia: Main subject areas: upgrading of human resources, administration for development, regional development, social development.

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Reporting Period: Calendar Year 1999

1. Quantity of food aid provided to least-developed and net food-importing developing countries:

Argentina supplied food aid in the form of 8,288 tonnes of maize and 2,000 tonnes of wheat flour, distributed as follows:

Operation 6079 – Reconstruction and rehabilitation assistance for families in Central America affected by Hurricane Mitch. The aid was focused exclusively on Nicaragua. Total amount of the aid: US\$2 million worth, or 8,288 MT, of maize. The shipment was sent from Argentina to Corinto. The operation was carried out in March 1999. Transport costs are included in the donation. Direct operational costs amounted to US\$286,769; land transport, storage and handling to US\$449,669; and maritime transport to US\$356,900.

Operation 6040 – Emergency aid to Kosovo. The operation took the form of a 2,000 MT shipment of wheat flour. Total amount of the operation: US\$1 million. Shipping country: Argentina. The operation was carried out in November 1999. Transport costs are included in the donation. Maritime transport costs were estimated at US\$229,074; inland transport at US\$163,145; direct support costs at US\$161,751; and indirect support costs at US\$56,604.

2. Indication of the proportion in fully grant or appropriate concessional terms:

All of the food aid is provided fully on grant terms.

3. Technical and financial assistance under paragraph 3(iii) of the Decision:

Technical assistance was provided through the FO-AR programmes listed below.

COMPLETED PROJECTS:

Bolivia: Main subject areas: upgrading of human resources, administration for development, regional development, social development.

Costa Rica: Main subject areas: agriculture, administration for development, upgrading of human resources and regional development.

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Grenada: Completed projects: 2. Main subject areas: agriculture, forestry and fishery, food, natural resources.

Jamaica: Completed projects: 6. Main subject areas: agriculture, forestry and fishery, education, upgrading of human resources, energy.

Saint Lucia: Completed projects: 1. Main subject areas: agriculture, forestry and fishery.

Kazakhstan: The country was invited to participate in the seminar entitled "Argentina's Experience in State Reform" held in Sofia on 30 September and 1 October 1999.

Trinidad and Tobago: Completed projects: 5. Main subject areas: agriculture, forestry and fishery, environment, development administration, food and social development.

PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED:

Barbados: Projects to be implemented: 2. Main subject areas: agriculture, forestry and fishery.

Belize: Projects to be implemented: 1. Main subject area: upgrading of human resources.

Grenada: Projects to be implemented: 1. Main subject areas: agriculture, forestry and fishery, food, natural resources.

Jamaica: Projects to be implemented: 1. Main subject areas: agriculture, forestry and fishery, education, upgrading of human resources, energy.

Saint Lucia: Projects to be implemented: 1. Main subject areas: agriculture, forestry and fishery.

Trinidad and Tobago: Projects to be implemented: 3. Main subject areas: agriculture, forestry and fishery, environment, development administration, food and social development.
