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INFORMATION NOTE

The following table updates the last Information Note on the outstanding balance of commitments (OBC)¹ for ongoing development activities (document WFP/EB.3/98/INF/8):

DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO: OBC ANALYSIS

		Thousand tons
a)	Crude ¹ OBC as at 31.12.1998	2 276
b)	Expected ² deliveries in 1999	-816
c)	New commitments approved since 1.1.1999	110
d)	Projects/Country Programmes for approval at EB.2	52
e)	Potential for additional commitments in 1999	461
f)	Expected crude OBC at 31.12.1999	2 083
g)	Estimated adjustment for the delivery performance ratio (DPR) ³	208
h)	Estimated adjusted balance as at 31.12.1999	1 875
i)	Target OBC as at 31.12.1999	1 875

¹ "Crude" OBC represents the total outstanding balance of commitments. When adjusted for the delivery performance ratio (DPR - defined in footnote 3), it becomes a "net" OBC.

- 2. To be in line with the target OBC, established at 1,875,000 metric tons (i.e. 2.5 times the estimated availability of 750,000 metric tons), some 623,000 metric tons could be approved in 1999.
- 3. Of the Country Programmes approved or to be approved, 2.5 years of commitments have been included in the OBC, to be in line with the methodology used in setting the target OBC (see paragraph 2 above).

¹ Indicates the volume of approved commitments for ongoing projects/programmes that remains to be resourced. neb299-879e.doc



² Corresponds to the estimated level of resources available for delivery in 1999.

³ An empirical adjustment factor defined as the ratio of final deliveries over total approved commitments. Globally, the DPR is currently estimated at 90 percent.