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## REHABILITATION AID FOR DROUGHT-AFFECTED AFRICAN COUNTRIES

The EC Council of Ministers for Development approved on 4 November a rehabilitation plan put forward by the Commission of the European Communities to aid the African countries worst hit by the drought. Work will now proceed on identifying the concrete actions to be taken in the countries concerned.

The Commission will submit before the end of the year to the Council proposals on the evolution of food strategies and examine the extent of the 1986 food needs of the drought-affected countries. Proposals will also be put forward on the protection of the environment, in particular measures to combat desertification.

In addition the EC Development Council decided in favour of establishing in 1986 a supplementary food aid reserve, to be used if the normal food aid programme proves inadequate in the event of a further crisis.