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The new Convention between the European Economic Community and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) concerning aid to refugees in the countries of the Near East was signed today at the offices of the Council of the European Communities in Brussels:

on behalf of the Community

by Mr Paul NOTERDAEME,

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Belgium to  
the European Communities,  
Chairman-in-Office of the Permanent Representatives  
Committee

and Mr Jean DURIEUX,

Special Adviser responsible for North-South relations  
and Mediterranean policy at the Commission of the  
European Communities

on behalf of UNRWA

Mr Giorgio GIACOMELLI,

Commissioner-General of the UNRWA.

The Convention confirms the Community's commitment to continue its aid to Palestinian refugees under the UNRWA aid programme. Aid will take the form of contributions in kind or in cash extending over a three-year period for use under the UNRWA education and food programmes.

The Community will pay to UNRWA annually an amount of 20 million ECU for 1987, 1988 and 1989 as a contribution to the financing of the education programme; this represents a substantial increase compared with the previous Convention.

The amount and form of the Community contribution to the UNRWA food programmes (programme for the distribution of rations to special hardship cases, food programme in training centres and supplementary food programme) are defined by the Commission each year as part of its food aid programmes in keeping with the requests submitted by UNRWA.

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