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The United Nations Security Council voted unanimously on March 17th to extend economic aid to Mozambique to help it withstand the financial consequences of its decision to apply sanctions against **Rhodesia** (p.3801). The resolution, sponsored by 11 nations, including **Britain, Italy, Sweden** and **Japan**, condemned "all provocative and aggressive acts, including military incursions" by Rhodesia against Mozambique.

Following the Council's action, the Secretary-General, Dr. Kurt Waldheim said a number of countries had already indicated their willingness to help Mozambique bilaterally or multilaterally. He said he hoped there would be a prompt, generous response to the Council's appeal by all member states.

Mozambique's Foreign Minister, Mr. Joaquin Alberto Chissano, told the Council that at least \$49m. a year would be required from the international community to make up his country's losses. This sum, he said, did not take account of the loss of \$8m. in debts owed by Rhodesia. (DNS 19/3)

A UN mission given the task of assessing the amount of compensation to be granted Mozambique for enforcing sanctions against Rhodesia was due in Maputo on April 2nd. The Organisation of African Unity (OAU), the Commonwealth and the European Economic Community (EEC) are also busy assessing what aid their members can provide.

Initial Offers

Individual offers of aid have come from **Britain**, which has pledged an initial sum of £5m. which might eventually be raised to £15m., and from **Sweden**, which has offered some US\$30m. in aid between now and the end of the next financial year and will also consider further aid. **India** has announced a grant of 900,000 rupees (US\$100,000) and promised further assistance in the fields of economy and technology. **Lesotho** has contributed beans worth \$23,000, **Guyana** has promised rice, sugar and some direct cash help, and **Zambia** has offered medical assistance and 10,000 tons of maize. (NA 26/3-8/4)
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