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## DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR APPROVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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1. The Executive Director is submitting two projects for consideration and approval of the Executive Board: Nicaragua 4515 (Exp.1) and Syria 2418 (Exp.4). Both are expansions of ongoing projects. The total cost to WFP of these two projects is 36 million dollars, representing a food commitment of 74,000 tons.

- 2. Both Nicaragua and Syria are classified low-income, food-deficit countries.
- 3. The Nicaragua project has a three-year duration. The Syria project, which will be in its fourth and final phase, will last four years. Both projects will support women's efforts to become more self-reliant through, *inter alia*, the provision of training and employment opportunities.
- 4. Nicaragua is still carrying out a comprehensive stabilization and structural adjustment programme which project 4515 (Exp.1) supports through the provision of assistance to 375,000 pre-school and lower primary schoolchildren in depressed areas of the country.
- 5. The Syria project targets the poorest areas of the country by supporting reforestation and range land management. The project will enable 29,000 landless rural labourers, most of whom are women, to better provide for the basic needs of their families.



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## **ANNEX**

## DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Region, country, project number and title		Duration	Total WFP food commitment	Total food costs	Total WFP cost
		(years)	(thousand tons)	(million dollars)	(million dollars)
LATIN AMERICA	A AND CARIBBEAN (OLC)				
Nicaragua 4515 (Exp.1)	Assistance to pre-school and lower primary schoolchildren in depressed areas of Nicaragua	3	24.6	10.9	18.4
MEDITERRANE	AN, MIDDLE EAST AND CIS	REGION (O	MC)		
Syria 2418 (Exp.4)	Assistance to reforestation and range land management	4	49.3	3.2	17.7

