

Emergency aid donation (Text) A two-day conference on emergency assistance to Mozambique ended today in the capital, Maputo. As a result of the conference, the EEC donated 127,000 t of food aid to Mozambique. The EEC representative read out a message from the Deputy President of the EEC, Lorenzo Natali, which said that the commission had decided to grant 110,000 t of grain to Mozambique this year. In addition, the EEC will supply 4,000 t of beans, 200 t of edible oil and 1,000 t of sugar. The total value of this food aid is about 40m dollars.

As further aid, the EEC will channel another 10,000 t of food through various non-governmental organisations. A cash grant, about 3.4m dollars, will be channelled to non-government organisations for various emergency relief programmes. Mr Natali said that the EEC will help Mozambique as much as it could, not only because the country is a signatory of the Lome Convention, but also due to economic and climatic conditions it has had to face, as well as South Africa's destabilisation against the country. A representative of the World Food Programme told the conference that his organisation expects to allocate about 45,000 t of food worth about 13.7m dollars to Mozambique for 1988-89. (*Maputo in English for abroad 1800 gmt 27 Apr 88*)

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