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Statement by the Representative of the Swiss Delegation;  
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1. Dank an Weltbank und Pakistan-Delegation
2. The official development assistance granted by Switzerland to the Government of Pakistan covers the fields of technical co-operation and direct financial aid as well as funds channeled through multinational organizations. During the past few years, the contribution from the Swiss Government towards financing of development projects in Pakistan has increased steadily and it is our aim to pursue this development in the future.

As far as our technical assistance is concerned, Switzerland plans for the 3-year period 1981-83 yearly disbursements of about 3 mil. Sfr. This represents an increase against our disbursements in the past. I should like to point out that we are ready not only to finance the foreign exchange but also the local costs resulting from the different projects. Unfortunately I have to mention once again, as our delegation did it last year, that we find it extremely difficult to identify suitable projects for bilateral technical co-operation.

Regarding financial aid, we see the following three types of support: a) a combination of technical and financial aid, b) the aid through international organizations and c) the bilateral way. In connection with the grain storage project of the World Bank we plan a cofinancing of totally 15 mil. Sfr. The yearly disbursements from 1981-83 will be for this project around 3 mil. Sfr. Finally we continue our investigations regarding a bilateral credit to the Industrial Development Bank in connection with the promotion of small scale industries in Pakistan.

Summing up technical co-operation and financial aid, the disbursements from Switzerland for projects in Pakistan during the period 1981-83 will amount to around 18 mil. Sfr. which makes an average of 6 mil. Sfr. yearly.

3. Concerning the refugees problem, Switzerland has granted Pakistan on the request of UNHCR and WFP since October 1979 about 0,7 mil. Swiss francs consisting of tents, blankets and food assistance. Further demand would be examined according to the funds at our disposal.

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