

ROAD TO AFRICA'S RENEWAL

An ambitious scheme expected to lift millions of people out of poverty and to double the development funds available to poor countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa for the next fifteen years was unveiled last month by Gordon Brown, United Kingdom's Chancellor of the Exchequer who said that other rich nations and financial institutions have promised to support this plan.

Brown warned: "In Africa the struggle that matters is the struggle for survival. With 14 million men, women and children in sub-Saharan Africa facing desperate famine this month- and with only half of the urgently needed food aid available- today's crisis threatens to become tomorrow's calamity.

Brown told a development conference at London's Royal Institute of International Affairs that the International Financing Facility (IFF) would be a temporary framework, aimed at bridging the gap between funds already committed and the much bigger sums needed to fulfill the "Millennium Development Goals" agreed by the UN members in September 2000.

Bunni Akpata Ohehe, *Africa Today*, March 2003.

I. COMPREHENSION OF THE TEXT (6 marks)

1. What is the objective of the plan unveiled by Mr. Brown? (1 mark)
2. Which fight is the most important in Africa? (1 mark)
3. Why does Gordon believe that "today's crisis threatens to become tomorrow's calamity"? (2 marks)
4. What does IFF stand for? To what extent is it a "temporary framework"? (2 marks)

II. ESSAY: (6 marks)

Is the financial help given by developed countries the solution to African development?

III. TRANSLATE INTO ENGLISH (4 marks)

Selon les experts, certains pays en voie développement peuvent réussir un développement durable parce qu'ils possèdent de beaucoup de matières premières et comptent environ sept cent millions de consommateurs. Pour eux, l'Afrique peut relever ce défi si elle trouve des solutions aux maux comme le chômage, la surpopulation, la famine, le paludisme et le SIDA.

IV. TRANSLATE INTO FRENCH (4 marks)

From "Brown told a development conference" down to "the UN members in September 2000".