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UN food task force holds first meeting

The United Nations' new task force formed to tackle the global food crisis met for the first time Monday. Consisting of 15 agencies and groups from the UN, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the task force will outline strategies for combating soaring food prices and growing food shortages. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon convened the meeting; the task force is led by UN humanitarian chief John Holmes. [Google/Agence France-Presse](#) (5/12)