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MEASURES FOR INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF DEVELOPMENT

Research

France: Draft Resolution

The World Food Conference

Considering that basic and applied agricultural research conducted in or for the benefit of the developing countries - and still insufficient in some fields - will long remain a vital factor in agricultural production and must therefore enjoy high priority at the national and international levels;

Considering, moreover, that much similar research is in progress without sufficient coordination in economically comparable regions;

Noting that in extensive areas no use is made of the data already obtained by agricultural research in, for example, varietal and soil improvement, and in fertilization and the use of water resources;

1. Urges all governments to take all necessary measures for the intensification, to the fullest extent desirable, of national agricultural research, particularly applied research, in the following fields: food crops and animal production adapted to conditions in tropical countries and unirrigated semi-arid regions, the improvement of fodder resources, and the conservation of soils and soil fertility;
2. Requests FAO to establish, with utmost urgency, an international documentation system on existing agricultural research structures, their activities and the results thereof;
3. Recommends that the Advisory Group on International Agricultural Research and all governments first consider the possibility of using the existing data and resources of the various national centres, international institutes and specialised research agencies before embarking upon the establishment or extension of national centres or international institutes;

4. Recommends that all governments immediately take the necessary steps to apply the results of agricultural research by upgrading their information services and particularly by organizing training for extension agents in the developing countries, making full use of all available resources and establishing specialized structures as needed.