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FOOD PROBLEMS: REPORT OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

Canada: draft resolution

Conclusions and recommendations of the World Food Council at
its fifth session

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation, as well as the agreed conclusions of the Committee of the Whole, established by the General Assembly in resolution 32/174,

Recalling also its resolution 3348 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, by which it established the World Food Council,

Bearing in mind its resolution 33/90 of 15 December 1978, concerning implementation of the decisions, resolutions and programmes regarding food adopted since the World Food Conference in 1974,

Having considered the report of the World Food Council on the work of its fifth ministerial session, held at Ottawa from 3 to 7 September 1979,

Noting that mid-point has been reached in the decade since the World Food Conference was convened by the United Nations at Rome in 1974,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the World Food Council on the work of its fifth ministerial session; 1/

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 19 (A/34/19).

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations of the World Food Council at its fifth ministerial session 2/ and urges full implementation of the recommendations by all Governments and organizations concerned;
3. Expresses gratitude to the international financial and other institutions, particularly the African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, World Bank, Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries Special Fund, Economic Commission for Africa, Economic Commission for Latin America, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Economic Commission for Western Asia, which co-operated with the World Food Council secretariat in the world-wide and regional consultations aimed at identifying and removing the constraints and bottle-necks to increasing food production in the developing countries and generating additional internal and external resources therefor;
4. Endorses fully the concept of food sector strategies which emerged from the Council consultations as a means for developing countries to review their food efforts, revise the relevant policies and provide a framework for identification and preparation of investment projects in food and agriculture and to step up the capacity for and mobilization of investment including additional external finance; and calls upon food deficit countries which have not yet done so to consider the adoption of a food strategy;
5. Calls upon donors to contribute resources to assist developing countries to prepare food-sector strategies;
6. Strongly urges developed countries and others able to provide development assistance as well as international institutions, to substantially increase their assistance to the food sector;
7. Endorses fully the Council's call for more direct action by Governments to achieve greater equity in food distribution and calls upon all Governments to co-operate with the Council secretariat in assessing experience and advancing practical action in this field;
8. Urges Governments which have not yet accepted the development of a new food aid convention of at least 10 million tons without waiting for the conclusion of a new wheat trade agreement to reconsider their position;
9. Urges full implementation of the Council's recommendations on development aid, world food security, greater equity in the distribution of food, nutrition and international food trade;
10. Decides that the United Nations system shall accord very high priority to meeting food needs and related actions in all economic sectors that contribute to the abolition of hunger and absolute poverty in the over-all context of economic and social development so that the 1980s may be known as a food and development decade rather than a decade of growing hunger and frustration;

2/ Ibid., part one, para. 1.

11. Encourages the World Food Council to continue and to intensify its monitoring, co-ordinating and catalytic role on food matters and urges Governments and international, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations within and outside the United Nations system to support and co-operate fully with the Council in this regard.
