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LAND REFORM

Statement submitted by the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, a non-governmental organisation in category A consultative status

The Secretary-General has received the following statement which is circulated in accordance with paragraphs 22 and 23 of Council resolution 288 B(X):

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At a plenary session, held on 7th June 1951 in Mexico City, the Council of IFAP unanimously adopted the Report of its Policy Committee, which report contained the following paragraph on land reform (item 4(c) of the agenda of the 13th Session of the ECOSOC):

"Recognising with satisfaction the agricultural progress made in various free countries as a result of the reforms introduced in systems of land tenure and other democratic agrarian reforms which give to farm people the benefit of their production in a free and expanding system; and having been informed of the attention now being given to this highly important matter by the UN and the FAO, the IFAP pledges its support of the development, adoption, and implementation by nations of equitable systems of land ownership and land tenure, farm taxation, and agricultural credit. The organised agricultural producers of the world recognise that bad tenure relationships are a severe limitation on efficient and abundant production. IFAP also recognises the importance of better tenure arrangements in giving hope and incentive to workers on the land. Accordingly, the IFAP will urge FAO to give high priority to requests of member governments for technical assistance on tenure improvement and other agrarian reform programs. IFAP will also urge the United Nations to continue to maintain in its work a broad rather than a narrow concept of agrarian and land reforms - the broadened concept to include free farm organizations, farmer-owned and farmer-controlled cooperatives, equitable farm credit and taxation as well as land ownership and landlord-tenant relationships."