

subsistence of the half billion people who presently are under-nourished is to be upheld.

The international community cannot afford to rest on the limited achievements that so far have followed the Rome Conference. The commitments made by Canada and other countries at that Conference and the initiatives taken since then to honour these commitments must be followed through. Food production and agricultural development will be one of the key subjects on the agenda of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Jamaica, at the end of the month, which the Prime Minister of Canada will attend. The Council of the Food and Agriculture Organizations (FAO) is to meet again in Rome at the beginning of June, and soon afterwards the World Food Council is scheduled to meet in that city. The government of Canada will participate actively in these meetings and will keep this House and the Canadian public informed on the major developments that are expected - or at least hoped - to follow.

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