

priority-setting within the Organization, the Committees also decided to examine an outline of the proposed Programme of Work and Budget before the Director General finalized his proposals. This meeting took place in early 1989.

As a reform-minded member of the Programme Committee, Canada was well placed to articulate its expectations, to ensure that all aspects of the review were thoroughly and impartially carried out, and to shape the final recommendations. Canada's wishes in terms of reform were again drawn to the Director General's attention, in particular (a) improved financial management, increased transparency and accountability in the budgetary process; (b) improved priority-setting processes; and (c) strengthened management systems for field programme delivery, evaluation and personnel.

4. Agriculture

The FAO carried out its programme of technical assistance; collected, analysed and disseminated information; advised governments on policy and planning; and continued serving as a global forum for governments to meet and discuss food and agricultural problems and their potential solutions.

Activities of special interest to Canada included:

- (a) Global efforts to improve pesticide regulations through the FAO Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides. In accordance with Resolution 5/87 of the 24th Conference, an expert consultation held in Rome in April 1988 examined the means for incorporating the Principle of Prior Informed Consent (PIC) into the FAO Code of Conduct on the Distribution and Use of Pesticides. Canada supports the concept of enhanced information exchange procedures, such as PIC, to make member Nations aware of pesticide control actions which will allow informed national decisions with regard to the national protection of health and safety.

Pesticides will be lumped with chemicals under the new Canadian Environmental Protection Act (1988) which provides legislation to implement PIC, until such time as pesticides-specific legislation can be promulgated under the Pest Control Product Act. This is unlikely to occur before 1991 as Canada will be embarked on a major