3. In determining the prevailing international market price under paragraph 2 of this Article, the Committee shall pay due consideration to any significant increase or decrease in the annual average price. A significant increase or decrease shall be considered to have taken place when the annual average price referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article rises more than 20 per cent above, or falls more than 20 per cent below, that of the previous calendar year, respectively. In that regard, the prevailing international market price actually used to evaluate a member's contribution shall not be more than 20 per cent above nor more than 20 per cent below that of the previous year.

ARTICLE VII

Impact on trade and agricultural production and conduct of aid transactions

1. All aid transactions under this Convention shall be carried out in a way consistent with the concerns expressed in the current FAO Principles of Surplus Disposal and Guiding Lines. Members undertake to conduct all aid transactions under this Convention in such a way as to avoid harmful interference with normal patterns of production and international commercial trade.

2. Members shall, as appropriate, act in accordance with the Guidelines and Criteria for Food Aid, approved by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes of the World Food Programme.

ARTICLE VIII

Special provision for emergency needs

If in any year there is a substantial food grain production shortfall in low-income developing countries in a particular region or regions, the Chairman of the Committee, after considering information received from the Executive Director, may call a session of the Committee to consider the seriousness of the production shortfall. The Committee may recommend that members should respond to the situation by increasing the amount of food aid available.

ARTICLE IX

Food Aid Committee

There shall be established a Food Aid Committee whose membership shall consist of all parties to this Convention. The Committee shall appoint a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman.