

(2) Any reference in this Convention to a "Government" or "Governments" shall be construed as including a reference to the European Economic Community (hereinafter referred to as the EEC). Accordingly, any reference in this Convention to "signature" or to the "deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval" or "an instrument of accession" or to a "declaration of provisional application" by a Government shall, in the case of the EEC, be construed as including signature or declaration of provisional application on behalf of the EEC by its competent authority, and the deposit of the instrument required by the institutional procedures of the EEC to be deposited for the conclusion of an international agreement.

PART II — MAIN PROVISIONS

ARTICLE III

International food aid

(1) The members of this Convention agree to contribute as food aid to the developing countries grains, as defined in Article II paragraph (1)(e), suitable for human consumption and of an acceptable type and quality or the cash equivalent thereof, in the minimum annual amounts specified in paragraph (3) below.

(2) To the maximum extent possible, contributions shall be made by members and needs estimated by recipient countries on a forward planning basis, so that recipient countries may be able to take account, in their development programmes, of the likely flow of food aid they will receive during each year of this Convention. Furthermore, members should, to the extent possible, indicate the amount of their contributions to be made in the form of gifts or grants.

(3) The minimum annual contribution of each member towards the achievement of the objective of Article I is as follows:

Member	Tons
Argentina	35,000
Australia	400,000
Austria	20,000
Canada	600,000
European Economic Community and its member States	1,650,000
Finland	20,000
Japan	300,000
Norway	30,000
Sweden	40,000
Switzerland	27,000
United States of America	4,470,000