

6. Food Information System

The resolution seeks to establish a world-wide information system on food and agriculture involving the participation and co-operation of all governments and of the international agencies and organizations concerned (primarily FAO, WMO and the International Wheat Council).

7. World Food Security

The Director-General of FAO has proposed the adoption of an International Undertaking on World Food Security. The central feature of that proposal is that countries should undertake to adopt, on a voluntary basis, national stockholding policies which, in combination, would maintain at least a minimum safe level of basic foodstocks, principally cereals, for the world as a whole. The resolution is intended to place the Conference's seal of approval on the concept of the Undertaking and to urge its early implementation through negotiations in the appropriate international fora.

8. Long-term Policy for Food Aid

The resolution seeks to establish the following as the main elements of a long-term policy: a three-year basis for forward commitments; a target of at least 10 million tons of grains for food aid a year; the provision of other commodities for food aid purposes; the channelling of an agreed minimum share of food aid allocations through the World Food Programme; a progressive increase in the grant component of bilateral food aid programmes; more effective food aid co-ordination; and an international policy for emergency stocks.