

## (4) The Committee shall:

- (a) Examine the way in which the obligations undertaken under the food aid programme have been fulfilled;
- (b) Exchange information on a regular basis on the functioning of the food aid arrangements under this Convention, in particular, where information is available, on its effects on food production in recipient countries. The Committee shall report as necessary.

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (4) of this Article the Committee may receive information from recipient countries and may consult with them.

## ARTICLE IV

*Administrative provisions*

The Food Aid Committee as set up according to the provisions of Article III shall use the services of the Secretariat of the International Wheat Council for the performance of such administrative duties as the Committee may request, including the processing and distribution of documentation and reports.

## ARTICLE V

*Defaults and disputes*

In the case of a dispute concerning the interpretation or application of this Convention or of a default in obligations under this Convention, the Food Aid Committee shall meet and take appropriate action.

## ARTICLE VI

*Signature*

(1) This Convention shall be open for signature in Washington from 29 March 1971 until and including 3 May 1971 by the Governments of Argentina, Australia, Canada, Finland, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States of America and by the European Economic Community and its member States, provided that they sign both this Convention and the Wheat Trade Convention, 1971.

(2) This Convention shall be open for signature, on the same conditions, to countries signatories of the Food Aid Convention 1967 which are not enumerated in paragraph (1) of this Article, provided that their contribution is at least equal to that which they agreed to make in the Food Aid Convention 1967.

## ARTICLE VII

*Ratification, acceptance or approval*

This Convention shall be subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by each signatory in accordance with its constitutional or institutional procedures, provided that it also ratifies, accepts or approves the Wheat Trade Convention, 1971. Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or conclusion shall be deposited with the Government of the United States of America not later than