

C. FOOD AID AND AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE

1) That food aid from Canada be used only as a transitional measure to fill the gap which exists between a country's food needs and its food production. Food aid should be part of a detailed and well-integrated food production plan in which food aid would gradually decline and assistance for food production would increase.

The Government concurs with this recommendation which reflects current policy.

2) That every effort be made to purchase food aid from neighbouring food-surplus developing countries.

The Government concurs with this recommendation which reflects current policy. It should be noted, however, that there are only a few situations where such an arrangement is possible.

3) That Canada make increasing use of multilateral food aid channels. Bilateral food aid should be closely coordinated with multilateral channels.

The Government concurs with this recommendation which reflects current policy.

4) That the Canadian commitment to the Food Aid Convention be increased.

An increase in Canadian food aid is at present under consideration in the context of the planned increase in overall aid levels.

5) That Canada support the early conclusion of a new International Wheat Agreement.

The Government supports an International Wheat Agreement (IWA) which would contain a better balance of benefits for both producers and consumers. We are exploring the possibility of a new approach to an IWA which would separate the food security aspects from the commercial.