

- (d) The International Conference on the Acceptance, Control of, and Trade in Irradiated Food co-sponsored by the FAO/WHO/IAEA/ITC-UNCTAD/GATT¹ held in Geneva, December 12-16, 1988. The Conference was attended by some 220 participants representing 57 countries. This conference is considered important to Canada in view of Canadian expertise and leading role in food irradiation.
- (e) The joint FAO/IAEA Division involving nuclear techniques applied to plant breeding and genetics, animal production and health, soil fertility and crop production, insect and pest control and food preservation.
- (f) Monitoring of world commodity and trade developments through information networks such as FAO's Early Warning System, State of Food and Agriculture reports, Commodity Review and Outlook reports and Trade/Production Yearbooks.
- (g) Participation in intergovernmental groups (IGGs) on agricultural commodities to bring greater stability to world trade and to defend Canadian interests.
- (h) FAO's central role in locust control in Africa.

5. Forestry

The 9th Session of the Committee on Forestry confirmed its full support to the FAO's Tropical Forest Action Plan as a framework for the coordination of national and international action in forest development and conservation. In recognition of the increasing threat to tropical forests, there was a general consensus that forestry's share of the overall FAO programme should increase. The Committee also recommended that the contribution of wildlife to food security be recognized and that wildlife management and utilization be incorporated into national development plans. The importance of forest-based small-scale industries to rural development and the importance of proper forest harvesting were also underlined. Canada succeeded together with a number of other members in giving to the forestry program a somewhat higher profile through reallocation of funds.

¹ Food and Agriculture Organization/International Atomic Energy Agency/World Health Organization/International Trade Centre-United Nations Conference on Trade and Development/General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.