

Canada also supports the goal of world food security, and to this end is a supporter of the FAO Committee on World Food Security which is expected to be established later this year in fulfillment of a World Food Conference resolution. The functions of this vital committee include the keeping under continuous review, current and prospective demand, supply, and stocks of basic foodstuffs to determine their adequacy. This committee is also to review steps taken by governments in implementing the International Undertaking on World Food Security as adopted by the FAO Council. The Canadian government has adhered to the undertaking and will be guided by its objectives, policies, and guidelines.

Pending establishment of the Committee, Canada has been participating under FAO auspices in ad hoc consultations on world food security. Further consultations on this subject will be held in Rome May 19-23. Discussions on this subject have also been taking place under the auspices of the International Wheat Council. It is hoped that a system of world food security can be based on a coordinated system of rationally-held cereal reserves.

The Food Conference resolution calling for the establishment of a Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture is regarded by the international community as a key element in the world food security proposal and, accordingly, the FAO has received a mandate to expand its work in accord with the World Food Conference resolution in cooperation with other international organizations involved in food supply monitoring, such as the long-established International Wheat Council.