

- (ii) development of effective means of reducing reliance on non-renewable energy resources and encouragement of the development of energy efficient food production, processing and distribution systems;
  - (iii) improvement of water use efficiency to prevent mining of groundwater resources;
  - (iv) the halting of chemical and nutrient pollution of water from chemical fertilizers and other agriculture by-products through increased reliance on organic soil fertility management systems; and
  - (v) encouragement of the research, development and use of organic farming techniques adapted to local conditions around the world.
- c) Protection of the rights and livelihoods of small farmers and rural communities by supporting ecologically sound, economically viable and equitable agricultural policies and practices. This measure necessarily includes:
- (i) redirection of policies and programmes to address the needs of the poorest and most disadvantaged groups of farmers and rural communities;
  - (ii) support for basic land reform to ensure more equitable access to productive resources as well as access to credit and other incentives that promote ecologically sound agricultural production;
  - (iii) review of current bilateral and multilateral lending policies and programme objectives that promote export-led agricultural development;
  - (iv) support for the development of nutritionally balanced agricultural systems; and
  - (v) encouragement of locally and regionally-based production and trade strategies, adapted to immediate environmental, social and economic conditions.