

*Considers* that this review of technical activities of FAO provides a desirable opportunity to select among the working projects those which members consider to be of the greatest urgency, and to suggest an order of priority which should constitute a guide for the Director-General in organizing FAO's work during the coming year ;

*And recommends* that such review of technical activities become a regular feature of the annual Conference of FAO.

Impressed with the budgetary limitations on the work of the technical divisions which will be increasingly felt as projects already initiated attain their full proportions,

*Requests* the Director-General to spare no effort in achieving the highest degree of efficiency in the work of the technical divisions.

Anxious to avoid a duplication of effort between the various international bodies concerned with related fields of activities,

And convinced that the existence of a common interest should lead to more and better service through proper co-ordination of work,

*Urges* the Director-General to continue taking whatever action is necessary to assure suitable collaboration between FAO and other agencies.

Considering that the work performed by the technical divisions is basic to the existence of FAO since, even when circumstances beyond the Organization's control delay the achievement of its major objectives, these technical activities enable FAO to render valuable services and to become a highly important factor in influencing the work and policies of member governments,

*Believes* that money spent on these technical activities of FAO is well invested and will give high returns,

*And recommends* that the largest possible part of the total budget be allocated to technical activities.

Considering that recent experience with regional activities such as those already initiated by the temporary European Office of FAO in Rome demonstrates the great usefulness of regional bodies of experts and regional technical conferences working in close liaison with regional offices as they are established,

*Recommends* an intensification of these regional activities as one of the next major steps in the development of FAO's technical work.

Considering that the guidance obtained from Standing Advisory Committees has proved invaluable in directing the work of each division into proper channels, and

Considering further that this is equally true of technical ad hoc committees, subcommittees of specialists and working parties, especially in view of the limited staff and budget available to FAO,

*Calls upon* governments to continue to allow their experts to assist FAO as members of these technical bodies.

*Considers* that the programs of technical divisions, revised in the light of recommendations contained in the Report of Commission II, inspire every hope that FAO will rapidly reach the stage where its services constitute an indispensable element in the food and agricultural policies of member nations.