



Recommendation 218 (1959)¹

FAO World Seed Campaign

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

Considering the decision taken in 1957 by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (F.A.O.), in its [Resolution No. 15/57](#), to undertake a campaign aimed at world-wide promotion of the production and use of high-quality seeds ;

Convinced that the general use of improved seed varieties carefully adapted to local soil and other natural conditions would help to increase agricultural productivity, thus combating malnutrition and raising standards of living ;

Believing that a special effort must be made in this field for the benefit of countries particularly affected by hunger and poverty and with economies largely dependent on crop production ;

Wishing to consider whether and by what methods concerted action should be taken by member countries of the Council of Europe within the framework of the FAO World Seed Year, possibly in conjunction with the Council's programme for the development of Africa,

Recommends that the Committee of Ministers should :

1. encourage Governments to support the F AO World Seed Campaign ;
2. report to the Assembly before the third part of its eleventh Session on action taken in this matter by the Governments and national authorities concerned.

1. Assembly Debate on 18th September 1959 (20th Sitting) (see [Doc. 1047](#)[Doc. 1047](#), Report of the Committee on Agriculture). Text adopted by the Assembly on 18th September 1959 (20th Sitting).

