



Resolution 481 (1971)¹

Reply to the 6th report from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Having taken note of the 6th report presented to the Council of Europe by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) ([Doc. 2853](#)) ;
2. Considering the persistent efforts undertaken by FAO to improve the physical livelihood of the population in all parts of the world, and in particular to improve nutritional standards in the less developed countries, congratulates FAO on the results in the past twenty-five years and extends its best wishes for its current and future activities ;
3. Considering the requirements of the Development Decade, and recognising the fundamental right to adequate nourishment of every human being, expresses its will to work for the implementation of this human right ;
4. Considering that the second World Food Congress has developed a number of ideas which it would be in the interest of the Assembly to scrutinise in detail, instructs its Committee on Agriculture to report to it on the main issues discussed by this Congress ;
5. Recognising that the FAO "Perspective Study for World Agricultural Development" contains - and is bound to raise - policy implications for developed countries in the framework of its overall goals with regard to a balanced development of the world economy as a whole, requests its Committee on Agriculture to report to it as soon as possible on its findings on this subject ;
6. Welcoming the advances made in the utilisation of high-yielding cereal varieties in a number of developing countries, and recognising the improvement which these advances may make in the nutritional situation in the years immediately ahead, hopes that the breathing-space thus obtained may be used to the fullest extent to speed up the general economic and social development process ;
7. Considering that the development of trade in agricultural products continues to be unsatisfactory from the point of view of the developing countries, reiterates its conviction that more generous import policies in the developed countries should constitute an integral part of the efforts to encourage those lines of agricultural production in the developing countries in which they are most competitive ;
8. Thanking FAO for its detailed review of its work in the European region, hopes that the useful co-operation established in many fields of common interest might be further expanded and strengthened for the benefit of this region.

1. Assembly debate on 27 January 1971 (29th Sitting) (see [Doc. 2868](#), report of the Committee on Agriculture). Text adopted by the Assembly on 27 January 1971 (29th Sitting).

