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SIXTH REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

COMMISSION I

1. At its third meeting, held on 18 November under the chairmanship of Ambassador George O. Lamptey, the Resolutions Committee examined the draft Conference Resolution on FAO Activities Related to Sustainable Development and Environment submitted by the delegations of the Netherlands, Poland, Sweden and Thailand.
2. The Committee made various suggestions for the improvement of the wording of the draft Conference Resolution and of the French and Spanish translations.
3. The draft Conference Resolution on FAO Activities Related to Sustainable Development and Environment, incorporating the suggestions made by the Resolutions Committee, is transmitted, herewith, to Commission I.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

ON FAO ACTIVITIES RELATED TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

(Draft Resolution submitted by the Delegations of
the Netherlands, Poland, Sweden and Thailand)

The Conference,

Recalling Conference Resolution 3/89 requesting the Organization to strengthen its activities related to sustainable development and environment and its cooperation with the UN system in the field, particularly in view of the UN Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) to be held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), 1-12 June 1992,

Welcoming the measures taken by the Director-General in response to Conference Resolution 3/89 as reported to the FAO Council at its 98th, 99th and 100th Sessions,

Noting the significant contributions made by FAO to the preparation of UNCED, in particular the Den Bosch Declaration and Agenda for Action adopted by the FAO/Netherlands Conference on the Environment and the development by FAO of an International Cooperative Programme Framework for sustainable agriculture and rural development (ICPF/SARD), as requested by the 99th Session of the Council,

Welcoming the process of streamlining of FAO Special Action Programmes, undertaken by the Director-General as part of the development of the ICPF/SARD,

Emphasizing the crucial roles to be played by the agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors in the attainment of both sustainable development and environment protection objectives,

Decides that:

- (i) sustainable development and protection of the environment should be a high priority objective of the Organization for developing and developed countries in the field of agriculture in the next biennium and in the medium term and, to this end, the strategies and proposals presented in document C 91/30 should be further elaborated by FAO
 - (a) in the light of the observations, comments made and decisions taken by the Conference as guidelines for future international and national action in this field;
 - (b) through close cooperation with other UN and non-UN institutions concerned with sustainable agriculture and rural development;
 - (c) through close cooperation with NGOs active in this field;
 - (d) through greater use of the inter-secretariat mechanisms of the Rome-based organizations;

- (ii) the Organization should pursue its active cooperation with UNCED so as to ensure that action in support of sustainable agriculture, forestry and fisheries will be among the major areas of concentration of the proposed UNCED Agenda 21;

- (iii) report should be made to the Conference at its 27th Session in November 1993 on the implementation of this resolution.