

The VIIIth Fertilizer World Congress, organized by the International Center of Fertilizers (C.I.E.C.) was held in Baden near Vienna from May 15th to May 19th, 1972. Delegations from 30 countries have discussed in more than 60 lectures the General Theme "Fertilization in Abundance and Dearth" and have agreed on the following

RESOLUTION

In the highly industrialized countries a sufficient use of fertilizers has led to a very high production of food per unit of area as well as per head of population. The soils of those countries have been enriched with plant nutrients to such a degree that it seems possible to change to a type of fertilization which not only ensures that high production achieved, but takes special care of the improved quality and wholesomeness of the produce which results from proper mineral fertilization.

With great satisfaction note was taken of the fact that proper fertilization does not contribute to any appreciable extent to the contamination of the environment and that it, in no way, can endanger the health of mankind but is improving the quality of food.

In developing countries it is the mineral fertilization which can in a special way alleviate the hunger of the growing population. The new varieties of grain, bred by the Nobel-laureate BORLAUGH, are proof of the fact that in developing countries by the use of proper fertilization and high yielding varieties the yield can be increased within a short period of time to such an extent that proper feeding of the ever growing population comes in sight. A prerequisite however, is an increased intensification of Agricultural Research and Extension together with improved economic facilities for Agriculture to buy and use the recommended amounts of fertilizers. The availability of sufficient amounts of fertilizers and their proper use in a special way suited to alleviate the protein deficit of a large proportion of mankind.

The official representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) have stated unanimously in detailed reports that all these organizations successfully endeavour to promote in developing countries the proper use of mineral fertilizers as one of the most effective means for securing the nourishing of their population.

The VIIIth Fertilizer World Congress therefore formally appeals to all Governments and responsible institutions to use all their powers to promote in industrialized and in developing countries the proper use of mineral fertilizers which is one of the most effective means to secure sufficient and wholesome food for the growing world population.