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There is no need to emphasize the importance of under-nutrition in children, not only for health, but also for the economic and social development of our countries. The priority given to it in feeding programs as part of maternal and child health programs, is fully justified. Such programs are fundamentally based on the distribution of milk to vulnerable groups, the system used varying from country to country.

It is also well-known that the national and international milk resources are not only not sufficient to cover these needs, but also that available stocks at the international level are being run down. This situation, which has been foreseen for several years, led to investigations aimed at finding supplementary protein foods, and the results achieved have already been put into practice. The Organization has taken an active part in these activities, especially through the Institute of Nutrition for Central America and Panama (INCAP) and has participated in studies, meetings, and projects sponsored by other agencies and organizations concerned with this problem.

However, the situation as regards milk supply has recently worsened considerably, and the Government of Chile believes that still more emphasis must be given to this important assistance on the part of the Organization. Acting alone, or in close coordination with other interested agencies, the Organization might encourage food technology since the low level of development of the industry which would be involved in the production of these supplementary protein foodstuffs is clearly a limiting factor.

In view of these facts to which many others may be added, the Government of Chile proposes the following

RESOLUTION:

To congratulate the Organization on the active part it has taken in dealing with the problem of supplementary protein foods,

especially activities carried out by the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP);

To request the Director of the Bureau to examine how to extend, throughout the Continent, the support for research activities similar to those carried out at INCAP on supplementary protein foodstuffs suited to the circumstances in each country and to give pertinent technical assistance when requested;

To request the Director to promote and support, by such means as he deems appropriate, and in cooperation with other agencies interested in the problem, programs to improve food technology in such Member Countries as request them.