



Food Aid Committee  
Comité de l'aide alimentaire  
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# PressRelease

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The **Food Aid Committee** held its 94<sup>th</sup> Session, under the chairmanship of Mr Friedrich Brand (Switzerland). Members of the Committee reviewed the current and prospective food situation and reported on the response by donors to recent food emergencies, notably in eastern and southern Africa. Observers from FAO and WFP informed the Committee of work being done to improve food aid needs assessments and how the challenges were being addressed. With regard to deliveries of food aid under the FAC in the year ending June 2006, it was estimated, based on preliminary data, that some 8.2m. tons\* of aid would be shipped, compared with 8.8m. tons\* in 2004/05. The Committee received a report from the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Secretariat on progress with the agriculture negotiations, in particular concerning the issue of food aid.

The Chairman of the Food Aid Committee in 2006/07 will be Mr William Whelan, Senior Food Security Adviser, US Agency for International Development (USAID).

\* in wheat equivalent