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On Nov. 29, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization concluded its 25th annual assembly meetings in Rome by calling on world leaders to address the problem of increased food shortages as soon as possible. The meetings commenced Nov. 11, and were attended by 115 ministerial-level delegations. The FAO has estimated this year's world-level grain output at 1.86 billion metric tons, described as inadequate to meet consumption needs, while also replenishing depleted grain stocks. At present, world grain stocks are equivalent to 16% of global annual consumption, below the FAO's recommended "safety level" of 17 to 18%. (Basic data from Xinhua, 11/29/89)

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