GREETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUNFLOWER ASSOCIATION (MINUTES)

D. Gandy, USA - In his speech Mr. Gandy said that the Americal delegation highly appreciated the possibility of being the guests of the Soviet Union where special attention is paid to sunflower that can be called the major oil crop in the world. He thanked the USSR. Organizing Committee for the tremendous amount of work being done in preparing the Conference and for the fact that the Conference was held in the city of Krasnodar where brilliant results had been achieved in sunflower breeding.

He also expressed liv confidence that the VIIth International Sunflower Conference would make it possible to establish closer contacts between the scientists of different countries making research in sunflower. On behalf of the American delegation he wished success to

the participants of the Conference.

A. Cauderon (France) - On behalf of the French delegation he expressed satisfaction that the VIIth International Sunflower Conference was held in Krasnodar where the V.S. Pustovoit All-Union Research Institute of Oil Crops is situated. V.S. Pustovoit developed excellent sunflower varieties. At present these varieties are used in many countries to develop valuable hybrids. He was confident that discussions to be held during the conference would allow the scientists of different countries to work even better in the future. He thanked the USSR Organizing Committee for the excellent preparation of the Conference.

T. Vrebalov (Yugoslavia) - On behalf of the Yugoslav delegation he wished the VIIth International Sunflower Conference great success in its work and suggested that sunflower yields be

raised to the level of those of wheat and maize. He thanked the audience for attention.

I. Georgieva-Todorova (Bulgaria) - She congratulated the participants with the opening of the Conference. She expressed satisfaction that the Conference was held in the city of Krasnodar where excellent sunflower varieties had been produced, and which had been the home of the prominent scientist of our times V.S. Pustovoit who dedicated all his life to this crop. She wished great successes to young and old scientists working with sunflower. She expressed confidence that the participants of the Conference would work fruitfully. On behalf of the Bulgarian delegation she thanked the USSR Organizing Committee for the excellent preparation of the Conference.