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Preface

Oversight of the Agency for International Development (AID) is the responsibility of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. In 1980, under Chairman Clement Zablocki, the Committee requested the Food and Renewable Resources Program of the congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) to review innovative biological technologies that AID could use to help lesser developed countries (LDCs) enhance the productivity of their soils, reduce their need for costly chemical fertilizers, and increase food supplies,

In response to the committee's request, OTA hosted a workshop that brought together some 40 leading scientists, AID representatives, and congressional and executive branch staff for 2 days of presentations and discussions on November 24 and 25, 1980 (see attendees list). On the first day of the workshop each scientist presented a paper about innovative biological technologies and responded to questions. The second day was devoted to discussing AID and its role in using, promoting, and developing innovative biological technologies, Chapters I and II of this report summarize those two days of discussion. Chapters III through XII contain the scientific papers that were presented at the workshop.

These Workshop Proceedings were first released by the Committee on Foreign Affairs in 1981. Continued requests for copies of the proceedings spurred this reprinting. Although the papers have been edited slightly for style, they have not been updated, OTA wishes to thank the authors of the papers, the other workshop participants, reviewers, and the many people worldwide who have requested copies.

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