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José Graziano da Silva Award for Zero Hunger
(Draft Resolution)

Executive Summary

At the request of the Council at its 161st Session from 8 to 12 April 2019 (extract from the Council Report reproduced below), the Independent Chairperson of Council held an informal meeting on 17 June 2019 to discuss a draft resolution, in Annex to this document, for the Conference consideration and adoption.

Extract from the Report of the 161st Council Session (8-12 April 2019):

34. The Council agreed to propose the establishment of a José Graziano da Silva Award for Zero Hunger, in recognition of his outstanding contributions in this area.

35. The Council requested the Independent Chairperson of Council to hold informal consultations with the Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Regional Groups to draft a resolution proposing the establishment of the José Graziano da Silva Award for Zero Hunger to be submitted to the Conference for adoption.

Suggested action by the General Committee of the Conference

The General Committee of the Conference may wish to approve the draft resolution in Annex.

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THE CONFERENCE,

Appreciating the eminent services rendered by Professor José Graziano da Silva to the Organization, throughout his two terms as Director-General, in promoting FAO’s vision of a world free from hunger and all forms of malnutrition, particularly during a period of combined challenges of climate change and the intensification of natural hazards, internal and global migration and increased numbers of protracted crises, disasters and conflicts;

Recalling that, in 2006, under the leadership of Professor José Graziano da Silva as Assistant Director General of FAO and Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, the region committed itself to the Latin America and the Caribbean without Hunger 2025 Initiative;

Recognizing that, in 2012, the Director-General, José Graziano da Silva, initiated a transformative reform of the Organization, based on the pillars of decentralization, and a strategic agenda with five major objectives, the first of which is Zero Hunger;

Stressing that, in 2015, countries adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the second of which is Zero Hunger;

Recognizing the strong commitment of Professor José Graziano da Silva to reform and to build a results-oriented, efficient and effective foundation for FAO’s vision;

Expressing its deep gratitude to Professor José Graziano da Silva for his outstanding services to the Organization, and for his unfailing dedication to the vision of Zero Hunger:

1) Decides that a “José Graziano da Silva Award for Zero Hunger” be established as a continuing tribute to Professor José Graziano da Silva in order to recognise successful efforts to achieve Zero Hunger through active involvement of civil society actors;

2) Agrees that the terms and conditions of the José Graziano da Silva Award for Zero Hunger be as follows:

a) Nature of the award: the award will consist of a scroll describing the recipient’s achievements, a medal inscribed with the name of the recipient, and a cash prize in the amount of USD 25,000 to be awarded to a civil society organization for major achievements in promoting Zero Hunger best practices;

b) Selection of award winners: the winners will be selected by a Committee comprising the Independent Chairperson of the Council, the Chairperson of the Programme Committee and the Chairperson of the Finance Committee under the Chairmanship of the Director-General. The Committee will make its selection from a list drawn up by an ad hoc interdepartmental Screening Committee;

c) Conferment of the award: the award will be presented by the Director-General at each regular session of the Conference to the individual recipient or a representative of the recipient institution, who will be invited to FAO headquarters in Rome for the ceremony, with the Organization bearing the cost of travel and per diem.

(Adopted on … June 2019)