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International Day of Plant Health (Draft Resolution)

Extract from the Report of the 165th Council Session (30 November – 4 December 2020)

19. The Council, recalling the criteria outlined in the FAO Policy on the Proclamation and Implementation of International Years, as adopted by the 144th Session of Council (June 2012), and the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Resolution 1980/67 regarding International Years and Anniversaries, endorsed the following:

[...]

b) the draft Conference resolution submitted by the 27th Session of COAG on the observance by the UN System of an “*International Day of Plant Health*” on 12 May every year, as set out in Appendix E to this Report;

[...]

Resolution .../2021

International Day of Plant Health

THE CONFERENCE,

Noting the endorsement by the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures, at its 12th Session (April 2017), of the proclamation of an International Day of Plant Health as one of the key outputs of the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH), as also endorsed by the IYPH International Steering Committee;

Noting that healthy plants are the foundation for all life on Earth, ecosystem functions and food security and nutrition;

Documents can be consulted at www.fao.org

Recognizing that plant health is the key to the sustainable intensification of agriculture to feed a growing global population;

Acknowledging that plants account for 80 percent of our diets;

Affirming that plant health is critical to addressing the pressures of a growing population and that recognition, advocacy and support for the promotion of plant health is of paramount importance if the international community is to guarantee plant resources for a food secure world based on stable and sustainable ecosystems;

Recognizing that sustaining plant health contributes to protecting the environment, forests and biodiversity from plant pests and diseases, and supports efforts to reduce hunger, malnutrition and poverty;

Recalling the urgent need to raise awareness and to promote and facilitate actions towards the management of plant health in order to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by 2030;

Trusting that such initiative would establish a platform and encourage actions to promote and implement activities in favour of preserving and sustaining global plant resources as well as raise awareness of the importance of plant health in addressing issues of global concern, including hunger, poverty and threats to the environment;

Affirming the urgent and continuing need of raising public awareness of the importance of healthy plants for food security, right to food and ecosystem functions;

Recognizing the critical importance of healthy plants on agricultural development, biodiversity, food security and nutrition, the Committee called for strong international collaboration, including through South-South Cooperation, harmonization and standard setting;

Stressing that additional costs of activities arising from the implementation of the International Day of Plant Health be met through voluntary contributions, including from the private sector;

Requests the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider declaring 12 May as the International Day of Plant Health.

(Adopted on 2021)