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**Letter from FAO Members - request for an additional agenda item at the
33rd Session of the Regional Conference for Europe (ERC)**

1. This document reproduces the letter from 44 FAO Members from the Europe and Central Asia region sent on 25 March 2022 requesting an additional agenda item to be added to the Agenda of the 33rd Session of the Regional Conference for Europe (ERC).

Documents can be consulted at www.fao.org

Rome, 25 March 2022

Mr Director-General,

The 33rd session of the Regional Conference for Europe (ERC) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations will take place in Łódź, Poland, from 10 to 13 May 2022.

In this respect, we the undersigned representatives of **44 Members** of the Regional Conference for Europe, acting in accordance with Rule XXXV.4 (c) of the General Rules of the Organization and Rule IV.3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Conference for Europe, hereby request, that the following agenda item be inserted in the provisional agenda of the session: **“Implications on world food security and agriculture, including global food prices, arising from the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine”**.

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We request that you promptly circulate a revised provisional agenda to all Members and to other participants as may have been invited to attend the session together with any necessary papers.

Please accept, Mr. Director General, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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