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**Proposals for decision from the Russian Federation for the conclusions of  
Items 5 and 6 of the Provisional Agenda**



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Dear Director General,

Dear Mr. Independent Chairperson of Council,

The Russian Federation took note of the proposal of the United States for decision for the conclusions on Item 5/5.1 "Global food security challenges and its drivers: conflicts and wars in Ukraine and other countries, slowdowns and downturns, and climate change" / 5.1 "Sustainable global food supply chains: comprehensive implementation of UN brokered two Istanbul Agreements signed on July 2022 (known as Black Sea Grain Initiative) for maintaining global food security and nutrition for all" of the provisional agenda of the 172<sup>nd</sup> session of the FAO Council (CL 172/1 Rev 2).

1. The Russian side would like to bring to your attention that the United States is not a party neither to the Initiative on the Safe Transportation of Grain and Foodstuff from Ukrainian Ports (UN-brokered agreement concluded by the Republic of Türkiye, the Russian Federation and Ukraine) nor to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Russian Federation and the UN Secretariat on

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Assistance in promoting Russian food and fertilizers on global markets (further referred to as the “Black Sea Grain Initiative” (BSGI). However, the Russian Federation would propose the following changes to the draft decision.

Paragraph b – **delete**;

Paragraph f – new wording: stressed again the importance of a stable and strengthened UN-brokered **two Istanbul Agreements signed on 22 July 2022 and consisting of the Initiative on the Safe Transportation of Grain and Foodstuff from Ukrainian Ports, and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Russian Federation and the UN Secretariat on Assistance in promoting Russian food and fertilizers on global markets**;

Paragraph g - recognized the positive and essential impact of **the implementation of the Agreements** on global food security, food prices, and the easing of trade disruptions, especially for the most vulnerable populations, as highlighted by FAO, UNCTAD, and the Secretary-General of the UN, among others;

Paragraph i – new wording: **called on all parties to fully implement the Agreements, and support the United Nations Secretary General’s efforts in respect of the Agreements and allow them** to operate at their maximum potential;

Paragraph j - urged FAO to support **the Agreements** by providing technical and data support consistent with the Organization’s mandate and requested regular updates to Members in this regard;

Insert new paragraph – **urged FAO also to provide technical and data support consistent with the Organization’s mandate on the implementation of solidarity lanes including their input to regional and global food security and requested regular updates to Members in this regard**;

Paragraph k – took note of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Russian Federation and the Secretariat of the United Nations on promoting Russian food products and fertilizers to the world markets and **expressed deep concern that the Memorandum is not fully implemented**;

Paragraph 1 - expressed gratitude to the Government of Türkiye for the diplomatic and operational support to the **Joint Coordination Centre**;

2. Pursuant to Rule XI of the General Rules of the Organization (GRO), applicable mutatis mutandis to the Council, and submitted for Council decision in the manner foreseen by GRO Rule XII and Rules of Procedure of the Council Rule VI, the Russian Federation also has the pleasure to introduce additional decision for the conclusions of Item 5 “Global food security challenges and its drivers: conflicts and wars in Ukraine and other countries, slowdowns and downturns, and climate change” of the provisional agenda of the 172<sup>nd</sup> session of the FAO Council (Annex 1). We kindly request the Secretariat to circulate this letter as formal proposal for decision.

3. The Russian Federation also took note of the proposal for decision for the conclusion on Item 6 “The impact of the war in Ukraine on global food security and related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)” of the provisional agenda of the 172<sup>nd</sup> session of the FAO Council” and taking into account that the previous recommendations of the FAO Council as well as the UN General Assembly resolution mentioned in this text were adopted by a vote, we request to put the proposal to the vote by the Council.

Please accept, Excellences, the assurances of My highest consideration.

*Yours,*

Ambassador,  
Permanent Representative



Victor Vasiliev

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**Annex 1, Item 5:****Proposal for Council 172 Decision under Item 5 of the Provisional  
Agenda:****Global food security challenges and its drivers: conflict and wars in  
Ukraine and other countries, slowdowns and downturns,  
and climate change**

"The Council:

- takes note of the information document CL 172/5 "Global food security challenges and its drivers: conflicts and wars in Ukraine and other countries, slowdowns and downturns, and climate change";
- recalls also UN General Assembly Resolution 76/191 of 17 December 2021 "Unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries";
- recalls also Human Rights Council Resolution 52/13 of 3 April 2023 "The negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights", in particular PP24 and OP14;
- requested the FAO to continue reviewing the impact of sanctions and restrictions as one of the drivers of slowdown and downturns and to submit to the Council at its next sessions assessment of the impact of sanctions on global food security; and
- decided to remain seized of this matter and add it to the agenda of its next regular sessions / to the 43<sup>rd</sup> session of the Conference.