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## COUNCIL

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**Rome, 4-8 December 2023**

**Letter and proposal from nine Council Members and 16 Observers  
dated 28 November 2023**

1. On 28 November 2023 a letter and a draft proposal for decision was received from nine Council Members and 16 Observers.
2. On 30 November 2023 a request was received in writing to circulate the letter and draft proposal as a document of the 174th Session of the Council.
3. Attached is the letter and the draft proposal as received.

Rome, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**His Excellency Dr. Qu Dongyu**  
**Director General**  
**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**  
**Rome**

**The Honorable Hans Hoogeveen**  
**Independent Chairperson of Council**  
**Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations**  
**Rome**

Dear Mr. Director General and Mr. Independent Chairperson of the Council,

We would like to inform you that (9) **Council members** and (16) Council Observers have joined as co-sponsors of the attached draft decision to the upcoming FAO Council 174<sup>th</sup> session taking place on 4-8 December 2023. Finally, we attach herewith the above-mentioned draft decision (Agenda item 5) regarding the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory particularly in the Gaza Strip, for reference by all members.

Sincerely,

- **H.E. Khaled Ahmad Zekriya**  
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- H.E Abdelkrim Touahria  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the UN Agencies in Rome.
- H.E Naser Mohamed Yusuf Al Balooshi  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the UN Agencies in Rome.
- **H.E. Bassam Essam Rady Abdelhamid Rady**  
**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the UN Agencies in Rome.**

- **Ms Lefianna Hartati Ferdinandus**  
**Charge d’Affaires ad interim, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the UN Agencies in Rome.**
  
- H.E. Rasoul Zare  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the UN Agencies in Rome.
  
- H.E Saywan Barzani  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Iraq to the UN Agencies in Rome.
  
- H.E Kais O. B. Abu Dayyeh  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the UN Agencies in Rome.
  
- **H.E. Yousef Juhail**  
**Counsellor and Permanent Representative of the State of Kuwait to the UN Agencies in Rome.**
  
- H.E Madame Mira Daher  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the UN Agencies in Rome.
  
- H.E. Amb. Enas Sayed Mekkawy  
Observer Representative of the League of Arab States to the UNRBAs
  
- H. E Ali Amin Ahmed Ali Kafu  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the State of Libya to the UN Agencies in Rome.

- H.E. Zahid Rastam,  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the UN Rome-Based Agencies.
  
- **H.E. Dahi Mohamed Mahmoud**  
**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to the UN Agencies in Rome.**
  
- **H.E. Monsieur Youssef Balla**  
**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the UN Agencies in Rome.**
  
- His Highness Nazar Aljulanda Majid Al-Said,  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to FAO.
  
- H.E Abeer M. B. Odeh  
Observer Representative of the of the State of Palestine to the UN Agencies in Rome.
  
- **H. E Khalid Yousuf Al-Sada**  
**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the UN Agencies in Rome.**
  
- **H.E Mohammed Ahmed M. Alghamdi**  
**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the UN Agencies in Rome.**
  
- **H.E Sayed Altayeb Ahmed**  
**Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Sudan to the UN Agencies in Rome.**
  
- H.E Ayman Raad  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Syrian Arab Republic to the UN Agencies in Rome.

- Mr. Walid Lassoued  
Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the RBAs a.i /Charge`d'Affaires  
a.i of the Republic of Tunisia.
- H.E. Ömer Gücük, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the  
Republic of Türkiye to the UN Agencies in Rome
- Mr NASIR AHMED NASIR A. ALKHAJEH  
Charge`d'Affaires a.i of the United Arab Emirates to FAO.
- H.E Asmahan Abdulhameed Altoqi  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Yemen to  
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Draft Decision for CL174  
Agenda item 5: The situation in Gaza related to food security and  
related matters under the mandate of the Food and Agriculture  
Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

The Council:

- a) **Noted** with concern the growing rate of acute global food insecurity and the need to reverse this trend to make progress on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 2 (Zero hunger);
- b) **Endorsed** and re-affirmed UN Security Council Resolution S/RES/2712, as well as UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ES-10/21 - on the protection of civilians and upholding, legal and humanitarian obligations in the Gaza Strip.
- c) **Expressed** grave concern over the catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly in the Gaza Strip and its vast consequences against the civilian population, with particular reference to the disproportionate impact on children.
- d) **Underlined** the urgent need for full, rapid, safe, and unhindered access of essential goods and services to civilians throughout the Gaza Strip, including but not limited to water, food, medical supplies, and energy.
- e) **Stressed** that forced displacement of the civilian population, including children, is considered a violation of international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, thereby expanding the status of food insecurity on the national, regional, and international levels.
- f) **Welcomed** the latest humanitarian pause agreed by the parties and called for an immediate, durable, and sustained humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities.
- g) **Took** note of the statement of FAO Director-General, which confirmed that the Organization considers all the civilian population in Gaza to be food insecure.
- h) **Expressed** strong support towards the efforts of the United Nations Secretary-General and for his calls for the immediate and unrestricted access of humanitarian aid to respond to the most basic needs of the Palestinian civilian population in the Gaza Strip and expressed its appreciation of the critical role played by Egypt in this regard.
- i) **Expressed** strong support also for all regional and international efforts aimed at achieving an immediate cessation of the use of force, including the targeting of civilians, civilian food supply, and agricultural infrastructure, in the Gaza Strip,;
- j) **Stressed** the necessity to refrain from using food and water as weapons of war in conflict areas;
- k) **Underlined** the importance of keeping open the trade and distribution of food and agricultural inputs and products to avert the negative impact on food security;
- l) **Recalled** the FAO voluntary guidelines to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national and regional food security and its relevant application in the context of the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory particularly in the Gaza Strip.

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- m) **Stressed** the role of FAO, in coordination and cooperation with other United Nations entities and relevant bodies, particularly with the Rome-based agencies and international financial institutions, to assess and address, within their respective mandates, the impact of the conflict on food security, nutrition, agriculture, and fisheries in the Occupied Palestinian Territory particularly in the Gaza Strip;
- n) **Requested** FAO:
  - i. To continue, within its mandate, its support to the humanitarian aid coordinated by the United Nations;
  - ii. To monitor the consequences towards food security in the region, including the functioning of Agri-Food systems, as well as the availability of water resources;
  - iii. To develop immediate, medium-term, and longer-term plans that address the impact of the conflict in the Gaza Strip on national and regional food security, including emergency response, recovery assistance, and resilience building of Agri-food systems;
  - iv. To explore immediate and suitable ways that function across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus to not only meet the immediate needs of forcibly displaced civilians in the Gaza Strip, but also to seek long-term solutions;
  - v. To keep Members posted in this regard through regular briefings, consultations, and reporting within the FAO Governing Bodies; and
  - vi. To insert this matter into the agenda of the next regular session of the FAO Council in June 2024.