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Letter and proposal from the United States of America under Agenda Item 5

1. On 6 December 2023, a letter was received from the United States of America, Member of the Council, with proposed amendments to the draft proposal for decision contained in document CL 174/INF/11.
2. The letter and proposed amendments are attached.

December 6, 2023

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

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

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

The United States of America would like to submit, for the consideration of members of the 174th Session of the Council, the below five (5) amendments to the draft proposal under 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), as submitted by a number of Council members in their letter dated 28 November 2023.

Sincerely,

Rodney Hunter
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U.S. Amendments 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)

Amendment #1

Paragraph (b)

Amendment:

- Delete "endorsed and re-affirmed" and replace with "noted"

Amended paragraph (edited):

- ~~Endorsed and re-affirmed~~ **Noted** UN Security Council Resolution S/RES/2712, as well as UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ES-10/21 - on the protections of civilians and upholding, legal and humanitarian obligations in the Gaza Strip;

Amended paragraph (clean):

- Noted UN Security Council Resolution S/RES/2712, as well as UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/ES-10/21 on the protections of civilians and upholding, legal and humanitarian obligations in the Gaza Strip;

Amendment #2

Paragraph (e)

Amendment:

- Delete “is considered” and replace with “can be”
- Add “as applicable” between “international human rights law” and “thereby expanding the status of food insecurity”

Amended paragraph (edited):

- Stressed that forced displacement of the civilian population, including children, ~~is considered~~ **can be** a violation of international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, **as applicable**, thereby expanding the status of food insecurity on the national, regional, and international levels;

Amended paragraph (clean):

- Stressed that forced displacement of the civilian population, including children, can be a violation of international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, as applicable, thereby expanding the status of food insecurity on the national, regional, and international levels;

Amendment #3

Paragraph (f)

Amendment:

- Delete “an immediate, durable, and sustained humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities” and replace with “additional pauses to enable humanitarian assistance to be scaled up”

Amended paragraph (edited):

- Welcomed the latest humanitarian pause agreed by the parties and called for **additional pauses to enable humanitarian assistance to be scaled up** ~~an immediate, durable, and sustained humanitarian truce leading to a cessation of hostilities~~;

Amended paragraph (clean):

- Welcomed the latest humanitarian pause agreed by the parties and called for additional pauses to enable humanitarian assistance to be scaled up;

Amendment #4

Paragraph (f)

Amendment:

- Add at the end of the paragraph “and unequivocally rejects and condemns the heinous terrorist attacks by Hamas and other terrorist groups that took place in Israel starting 7 October 2023, as well as the taking and killing of hostages, murder, torture, rape, sexual violence, and continued indiscriminate firing of rockets”

Amended paragraph (edited):

- 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 and **unequivocally rejects and condemns the heinous terrorist attacks by Hamas and other terrorist groups that took place in Israel starting 7 October 2023, as well as the taking and killing of hostages, murder, torture, rape, sexual violence, and continued indiscriminate firing of rockets;**

Amended paragraph (clean):

- 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 and unequivocally rejects and condemns the heinous terrorist attacks by Hamas and other terrorist groups that took place in Israel starting 7 October 2023, as well as the taking and killing of hostages, murder, torture, rape, sexual violence, and continued indiscriminate firing of rockets;

Amendment #5

Paragraph (i)

Amendment:

- Delete “an immediate cessation of the use of force, including the targeting of civilians, civilian food supply, and agricultural infrastructure” and replace with “additional pauses to enable humanitarian assistance to be scaled up”
- Insert “including compliance with/adherence to/respect for international humanitarian law, including with regard to the protection of civilians and civilian objects” before “in the Gaza Strip”

Amended paragraph (edited):

- Expressed strong support also for all regional and international efforts aimed at achieving **additional pauses to enable humanitarian assistance to be scaled up** ~~an immediate cessation of the use of force, including the targeting of civilians, civilian food supply, and agricultural infrastructure,~~ **including compliance with international humanitarian law, including with regard to the protection of civilians and civilian objects** in the Gaza Strip;

Amended paragraph (clean):

- Expressed strong support also for all regional and international efforts aimed at achieving additional pauses to enable humanitarian assistance to be scaled up, as well as ensuring compliance with international humanitarian law, including with regard to the protection of civilians and civilian objects in the Gaza Strip;