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Proposed amendments from the Russian Federation under item 12

1. The document contains the proposed amendments from the Russian Federation to the Proposal from 28 FAO Members from Europe and Central Asia region for decision by the Regional Conference, and Proposal from 33 FAO Members from Europe and Central Asia region for decision by the Regional Conference (ERC/24/16, ERC/24/16/Add 1.) documents.

Item 12 of the Provisional Agenda

«Implications on world food security and agriculture, including global food prices, arising from the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine»

The Regional Conference:

Recalled and reaffirmed its decision adopted at its 33rd session¹;

Recalled the decision adopted by the FAO Council at its 169th, ~~170th~~, 171st and 172nd sessions²; ~~as well as the report of the 43rd session of the FAO Conference, and stressed the need to continue their full implementation;~~

Recalled the report of the 43rd ~~s~~Session of the FAO Conference;

Reaffirmed ~~its commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders, extending to its territorial waters;~~

Expressed its solidarity and support for Ukraine and its people, as well as its appreciation for neighboring countries and host communities for their generous support and volunteer efforts to reach out to those in need;

Expressed grave concern at the regional security ramifications of the conflict in Ukraine, as Ukraine and the Russian Federation are some of among the world's most important suppliers of grain and agricultural produce; ~~devastating impact of the Russian Federation's illegal, unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine on global food security as Ukraine and the Black Sea region are one of the world's most important suppliers of grain and agricultural produce;~~

Stressed that matters of food security shall be de-weaponized; ~~and that Russian Federation's actions that negatively affect production and supply of food create global risks that are unacceptable and harm vulnerable countries the most;~~

Deplored Took note of the ~~unilateral~~ termination of the Initiative on the Safe Transportation of Grain and Foodstuffs from Ukrainian Ports, known as the "Black Sea ~~Grain~~ Initiative (BSGI)", by the Russian Federation on 18 July 2023, in line with an Agreement between the Russian Federation, Türkiye/Turkey, Ukraine and the UNUnited Nations on 22 July 2022; ~~stressing the benefits that this Initiative has brought along for global food security;~~

Strongly condemned the Russian Federation's aggression against Ukraine, its systematic attacks on port infrastructure, grain and oil storage facilities in Ukraine and called upon Russia to immediately cease hostilities in order to resume agricultural production and its unimpeded export from Ukraine fully;

Expressed ~~preoccupation about the negative effects of the Russia's full scale military invasion of Ukraine, which caused the deaths of thousands and ruined the lives of millions of Ukrainian people in addition to the extensive damage to civilian infrastructure and huge transboundary damage to the environment, on the trends in the region and globally, presenting a paramount obstacle to progress;~~

Recalled that the actions referred to above by the Russian Federation and Belarus have been characterized by the FAO Council as incompatible with the objectives and purposes of the Organization and therefore amount to a violation of Member Nation obligations under the FAO Constitution, and **considered** that the Russian Federation and Belarus could not be regarded as Member Nations contributing towards the success of the Organization in line with Rule XXII.3 b) of the General Rules of the Organization and so should not be elected as Council Members from the Europe Regional Group

¹ Footnote to include document number and voting results

² Footnote to include decision number and voting results

~~until such time as their actions are no longer in contravention of the objectives and purpose of FAO's Constitution;~~

Appreciated the efforts of Ukraine, in collaboration with partners, in supplying its agricultural products to 40 countries through its established maritime corridor as well as the "Grain from Ukraine" humanitarian initiative, ~~carried out in partnership with the World Food Programme,~~ under which more than 200,000 tons of Ukrainian agricultural products have already been delivered to Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Yemen and Sudan;

Appreciated the efforts of the Russian Federation in supplying its agricultural products and fertilizers to 169 countries, including the donation of 200,000 tonnes of grain to Mali, Burkina Faso, Zimbabwe, Eritrea, Somalia and CARthe Central African Republic and 111,000 tonnes of fertilizer to Malawi, Kenya, Nigeria and Zimbabwe;

Expressed appreciation and support for FAO's work in support of Ukraine ~~and its government,~~ which aims at ~~restoring supporting~~ food security and self-sufficiency ~~in front line communities, restoring critical agricultural production and value chains, including through demining agricultural land,~~ and enhancing coordination and technical support to the functioning of critical food system services;

Welcomed FAO's response to mitigate and monitor the impact of the ~~Russian Federation's war of aggression~~conflict in Ukraine on food security globally; ~~and in Ukraine and requested~~ FAO to continue to assess the damage to Ukrainian agriculture and food sector within its internationally recognized borders, as well as the reconstruction and rehabilitation costs of Ukrainian agriculture due to loss and damage resulting from the Russian Federation's war of aggression; ~~noted~~ in this respect the establishment on 12 May 2023 by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Ministers of the Council of Europe of the Enlarged Partial Agreement on the Register of Damage Caused by the Aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and ~~called~~ on FAO to co-operate with the Register so as to facilitate its work and achieve the objectives set out in General Assembly Resolution ES-11/5 of 14 November 2022;

Requested FAO to report regularly to Members, including through FAO Governing bodies, on actions taken with respect to the above;

Decided to remain seized on this matter and to add this matter to the agenda of the next regular session of the Regional Conference for Europe;

Decided, in accordance with Rule VI.5 of its Rules of procedure, that the present decision shall be communicated to all Members and brought to the attention of the general public under the form of a press release published immediately after the end of the session in all FAO languages and in which the present decision shall be reproduced in its entirety.