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International Day of Potato (Draft Resolution)

Extract from the Report of the 171st Session of Council (5-9 December 2022)

20. The Council reviewed the Report of the 28th Session of the Committee on Agriculture (COAG), and in particular:
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- q) endorsed the draft Conference Resolution on the observance by the UN System of an “*International Day of Potato*” on 30 May every year, as set out in *Appendix C* to this Report, for adoption by the 43rd Session of the Conference.

Resolution .../2023

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Recalling that the International Year of the Potato in 2008 has contributed to raising awareness of the role of the potato in agriculture, the economy and world food security;

Recognizing that the potato represents one of the most important contributions of the Andean region to the entire world, as it is one of the five main food crops consumed in the world, contributing to food security;

Recognizing that small-scale production of the potato contributes greatly to conserving and use of biodiversity and supports efforts to reduce hunger, malnutrition and poverty;

Recalling the urgent need to raise awareness of the contribution of the potato as an invaluable food resource and as a generator of income for rural families and producers, with a view to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2030 Agenda;

Trusting that such an initiative would create a comprehensive platform to assess the problems and dynamics of sustainable potato production to transform agrifood systems;

Recognizing the decisive importance of this tuber crop for agricultural development, from the phase of pre-production, production, marketing, added value and promotion of consumption, highlighting the conservation of biodiversity, food security and nutrition, and standard setting;

Emphasizing that costs of activities related to the celebration of the International Day of Potato would be covered by voluntary contributions, including contributions from the private sector;

Requests the Director-General to present this Resolution to the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations and the President of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations for informational purposes;

Requests FAO Members to take the requisite steps to ensure the consideration of the Resolution to observe 30 May as International Day of Potato at forthcoming sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, as appropriate.

(Adopted on ... 2023)