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**Letter and proposal from 13 Council Members and 28 Observers
dated 4 December 2023**

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Mr. Director-General, Mr. Independent Chair of Council:

Please find herewith a draft decision submitted as a formal proposal pursuant to Rule XI of the General Rules of the Organization applicable *mutatis mutandis* to FAO Council, submitted by the undersigned 13 Members of Council and 28 Observers, under agenda item 6 of the provisional agenda of the 174th session of the Council, entitled "*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)*".

This proposal is submitted *for decision* by the Council in the manner foreseen under Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization and Rule IV of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of FAO.

We thank you for circulating this proposal to all FAO Members and referencing it as an official document of the 174th session.

Sincerely,

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Item 6 of the Provisional Agenda

“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)”

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Draft decision

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The Council:

- a) recalled its decisions and recommendations of its 169th, 170th, 171st and 172nd sessions, as well as the report of the 43rd session of the FAO Conference, and stressed the need to continue their full implementation;
- b) deplored 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, stressing the benefits that this Initiative has brought along for global food security by enabling the safe transportation of nearly 33 million metric tons of grains and other foodstuffs from Ukraine to 45 countries across three continents;
- c) reiterated its call for the immediate cessation of attacks on Ukraine’s critical agriculture and energy infrastructure, noting in particular the systematic attacks on ports that followed the termination of the Black Sea Grain Initiative;
- d) stressed again the need to allow for the full resumption of Ukrainian agricultural production and its unimpeded export from Ukraine, including via the Black Sea;
- e) welcomed the “Grain from Ukraine” humanitarian initiative carried out in partnership with the World Food Programme, under which more than 170,000 tons of Ukrainian grain have already been delivered to Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Yemen;
- f) recalled its decision to remain seized of this matter.