

## **Decision of the 33rd. session of FAO Regional Conference for Europe - Łódź, Poland, 10-13 May 2022**

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

The Regional Conference:

a) Recalled and reaffirmed the decision adopted on 8 April 2022 by the FAO Council at its 169th (special) session (CL 169/REP, paragraph 11);

b) Recalled also the resolution adopted on 27 March 2014 by the United Nations General Assembly (A/RES/68/262);

c) Recalled further the resolutions adopted on 2 and 24 March 2022 by the United Nations General Assembly at its 11th emergency special session (A/RES/ES-11/1), (A/RES/ES 11/2); the resolution adopted on 3 March by the IAEA Board of Governors (GOV/2022/17) ;

the resolution adopted on 4 March 2022 by the UN Human Rights Council (A/HRC/49/L.1);

the decisions adopted by the International Maritime Organization Council on 10 and 11

March 2022 (C/ES.35/WP.1) ; the decision adopted on 15 March 2022 by UNESCO

Executive Board (7 X/EX/DR.2.1 Corr) ; the resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation on 22 March 2022 (GB.344/INS/19);

d) Recalled also the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2417 (2018) on food security in armed conflict; and considered that the targeting of civilians and civilian food supply and agricultural infrastructure by the Russian Federation as part of its aggression against Ukraine constitutes a violation of its obligations under international humanitarian law, as described in the aforementioned Resolution of the Security Council;

e) Welcomed the UN Secretary-General’s decision to establish a Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance (GCRG) in the UN Secretariat to coordinate the global response to the worldwide impacts of the crisis in Ukraine;

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

g) 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;

h) Expressed its deepest concern at the threat made by the Russian authorities to limit supplies

of agriculture products to the so-called "friendly" countries and stressed that these threats, if carried out, would amount to deliberately causing conflict-induced food insecurity and would further exacerbate food insecurity;

i) Expressed grave concern at the devastating impact of the Russian aggression against Ukraine on global food security as well as rising food, fertilizer and energy prices, in particular in Least Developed Countries, as Ukraine and the region are one of the world's most important areas for grain and agricultural exports;

j) Demanded that the Russian Federation immediately cease its unlawful activities to prevent further damage and destruction of agricultural assets and livelihoods; and to ensure the resumption of agricultural activities and trade, including shipments of food and agricultural commodities from and to Ukraine;

k) 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 amounting to a violation of their 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 within the meaning of Rule XXII.3 b) of the General Rules of the Organization;

l) Requested the FAO to:

1. safeguard all the rights of Ukraine as a Member Nation of the FAO, including those deriving from legal instruments adopted pursuant to Article XIV of the FAO

Constitution, within Ukraine's internationally recognized borders, extending to its territorial waters and exclusive economic zone adjacent thereto;

2. submit for the next session of the FAO Council a report containing an overview of the work of the FAO and FAO-related bodies, including Article XIV bodies and other Regional Commissions, in and with Ukraine and countries most affected in the region;

3. assess the damage to Ukrainian agriculture and agriculture and food sector in Ukraine 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 aggression;

4. prepare and implement, at the request of and in close cooperation with the Government of Ukraine, short-term, medium-term and long-term assistance plans to address the food security concerns in the country and rehabilitate its food production potential;
5. in addition, develop immediate, medium-term, and longer-term plans to address the food security impacts of Russian aggression against Ukraine, including emergency response, recovery assistance and resilience building in food systems, for countries most affected in the region, particularly in the Black sea region, Central Asia, the Caucasus and Western Balkans;
6. contribute to strengthening global market transparency and coordination among Members, through initiatives such as the Agricultural Market Information System;
- vii. report regularly to Members, including through FAO Governing bodies, on actions taken with respect to the above;

m) Decided to remain seized on this matter and to add this matter to the agenda of the next regular session of the European Regional Conference;

n) Decided, in accordance with Rule VI.5 of its Rules of procedure, that the present decision, together with the decision of the FAO Council adopted at its 169th (special) session, shall be communicated to all Members and brought to the attention of the general public under the form of a press release published in all FAO languages.