

SUPPORTING MEASURES TO ELIMINATE FOOD INSECURITY

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The WFUNA Plenary Assembly,

Reminding the Right to Adequate Food in the context of an adequate standard of living, as set forth in Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rightsⁱ.

Recognizing that the United Nations adopted a Political Declaration in September 2023 to accelerate action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including actions to end hunger (SDG #2), food insecurity, and all forms of malnutritionⁱⁱ;

Considering that global hunger affects over 735 million people, including 117 million people in 19 countries and territories who have high levels of acute food insecurity due to armed conflictⁱⁱⁱ;

Acknowledging that along with conflict, climate shocks, rising cost of living, civil insecurity, and declining food production and distribution have all contributed to food scarcity and high food prices^{iv};

Acknowledging further that some groups or individuals face specific hurdles in relation to the right to food. These can result from biological or socio-economic factors, discrimination, or stigma, implementation of unilateral coercive measures, or generally a combination of these. This includes people living in rural and urban areas, indigenous peoples, women and children, as well as others living in vulnerable situations;

Recognizing that the UN Security Council unanimously passed a resolution condemning the use of food insecurity and starvation as a tactic of war;

Call upon members to support the following measures:

1. Renew the Black Sea Grain Initiative^v ^{vi} - lift all constraints, barriers and protectionist measures to the distribution chain of fertilizers and agricultural inputs⁷;
2. Enforce the resolution by the UN Security Council condemning the use of food insecurity as a tactic of war and implement sanctions as well as other penalties against violators;
3. Consider the structural causes of hunger and strengthen policies and programs to address them, including:
 - a. Inequalities between and within countries,
 - b. Inequalities in the current system of international economic relations,
 - c. Current financial architecture,
 - d. Barriers to food trade,



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- e. Unilateral sanctions,
 - f. Weak or absent social protection,
 - g. Poverty alleviation policies;
4. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to limit climate-related impacts on the right to food;
 5. Ensure stability and continuity in food production by:
 - a. Supporting sustainable agricultural practices and technology,
 - b. Developing disaster-resilient infrastructure,
 - c. Promoting diversified agri-food systems;
 6. Center the inclusion of groups most vulnerable to food insecurity in the solution-making process^{vii};

Urges all United Nations' member states to support these measures to ensure food justice and uphold the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as the right to food and right to development.

ⁱ <https://www.ohchr.org/en/human-rights/universal-declaration/translations/english>

ⁱⁱ https://hlpf.un.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/A%20HLPF%202023%20L1.pdf?_gl=1*1dujyec*_ga*MTI3NjQ2MTA0My4xNjk0NDc2ODUw*_ga_TK9BQL5X7Z*MTY5NTMzNjA5My44LjEuMTY5NTMzNjIzMy4wLjAuMA..

ⁱⁱⁱ https://hlpf.un.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/A%20HLPF%202023%20L1.pdf?_gl=1*1dujyec*_ga*MTI3NjQ2MTA0My4xNjk0NDc2ODUw*_ga_TK9BQL5X7Z*MTY5NTMzNjA5My44LjEuMTY5NTMzNjIzMy4wLjAuMA..

^{iv} <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/hunger/#:~:text=2.1%20By%202030%2C%20end%20hunger,sufficient%20food%20all%20year%20round.>

^v <https://www.un.org/en/black-sea-grain-initiative>

^{vi} <https://www.un.org/en/black-sea-grain-initiative/updates>

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<https://press.un.org/en/2023/sc15377.doc.htm#:~:text=Adopting%20a%20presidential%20statement%20today,of%20food%20insecurity%20and%20human>