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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Agriculture development and food security

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1 Worldwide adoption of Purchase for Progress

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3 *Recognizing* that agriculture plays a crucial role in addressing the needs of a growing
4 global population and is inextricably linked to poverty eradication, especially in
5 developing countries, and stressing that integrated and sustainable agriculture and rural
6 development approaches are therefore essential to achieving enhanced food security and
7 food safety in an environmentally sustainable way,

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9 *Emphasizing* the urgent need to increase efforts at the national, regional and
10 international level to address food security and agriculture development as part of the
11 international development agenda,

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13 *Remaining* concerned that high and volatile food prices and the global food crisis
14 pose a serious challenge to the fight against poverty and hunger, as well as to the efforts
15 of developing countries to attain food security and achieve the objective of reducing by
16 half the number of undernourished people by no later than 2015 as well as other
17 internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,
18 and reiterating that the global food crisis has multiple and complex causes and that its
19 consequences require a comprehensive and coordinated response in the short, medium
20 and long term by national Governments and the international community,

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22 *Welcoming* the holding of the High-Level Conference on World Food Security
23 (HLTF), the Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy, from 3 to 5 June 2008 in
24 Rome, and acknowledging the initiative of the Secretary-General in establishing the
25 High-level Task Force on the Global Food Security Crisis, which has produced the
26 Comprehensive Framework for Action, the World Food Program's Purchase for Progress
27 Initiatives as well as other multilateral, regional and national initiatives,

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29 *Taking note* with appreciation of the work undertaken by relevant international bodies
30 and organizations, including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United
31 Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the World Food
32 Program, on agriculture development and enhancing food security and by the
33 Commission on Sustainable Development on the thematic cluster of issues on agriculture,
34 rural development, land, drought, desertification and Africa,

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36 *Acknowledging* the difficulty of spreading agricultural technology, education, and
37 management techniques in isolated areas,

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39 *Recognizing* the great long term potential for small holder farmers to become
40 distributors to the world market including buying capital and inputs,

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42 *Recognizing* that current World Food Program acquisition policy, local and regional
43 purchasing is not always the most effective solution to the problem,

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45 *Noting* that the World Food Program's Purchase for Progress program has shown
46 extensive piloting success, in twenty-one countries in a variety of regions globally,
47 Emphasizing that the United Nations can play an effective role in building a global
48 consensus in addressing agriculture development and food security,

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50 1. *Stresses* that food security is central to poverty eradication, public health and
51 sustainable economic growth, and the need for a comprehensive twin-track approach to
52 food security that consists of direct action to immediately tackle hunger for the most
53 vulnerable and medium- and long-term sustainable agricultural, food security, nutrition,
54 and rural development programs to eliminate the root causes of hunger and poverty,
55 including through the progressive realization of the right to food;

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57 2. *Also stresses* that achieving food security for all has as its core element the
58 strengthening and revitalizing of the agricultural sector in developing countries, where it
59 has been identified as a priority by Governments, including through enhanced
60 international support, an enabling environment at all levels and the empowerment of
61 small-scale farmers, indigenous peoples and other rural communities, and stresses the
62 need for the involvement of women, in particular in decision- making;

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64 3. *Encourages* efforts at all levels to create a strong enabling environment for
65 enhancing agricultural production, productivity and sustainability, developing strong
66 agricultural value chains and improving farmers' participation in markets;

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68 4. *Welcomes* the strengthening of cooperation between the Food and Agriculture
69 Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development,
70 the World Food Programme and all other relevant entities of the United Nations system
71 and other intergovernmental organizations, the international financial institutions and
72 international trade, financial and economic institutions, in accordance with their
73 respective mandates, in order to increase their effectiveness, as well as the strengthening
74 of cooperation with non-governmental organizations and the private sector in promoting
75 and strengthening efforts towards agriculture development and food security;

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77 5. *Recognizes* the increasingly successful Purchase for Progress program started by
78 the World Food Program, creating engagement in over twenty-one countries,
79 reinvigorating investment and creating a sustainable model of development;

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81 6. *Emphasizes* that without a guaranteed market it is difficult for smallholder farmers
82 to gain the capital necessary to plant crop amounts that allow for national and regional
83 sustainability, and the ability of Purchase for Progress to create such a market;

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86 7. *Encourages* Member States to employ cellular technology in efficiently spreading
87 new ideas to isolated areas within the agricultural community;

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89 8. *Urges* International Fund for Agricultural Development to contribute to the spread
90 of cellular technology in rural areas;

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92 9. *Calls upon* the World Food Program to move the Purchase for Progress program
93 out of the pilot stage, with the goal of phasing out current Local and Regional Purchasing;

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95 10. *Also urges* the World Food Program, to use its collaboration with United Nations
96 agencies and connections in over 74 joint programmes, in 45 countries worldwide to
97 create an effective worldwide implementation and transition to Purchase for Progress
98 instead of Local and Regional Purchasing in all areas deemed appropriate by 2015.

Passed, Yes: 60 / No: 18 / Abstain: 17