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**Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee,
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International Year of the Potato, 2008

The General Assembly,

Noting that the potato is a staple food in the diet of the world's population,

Recalling resolution 4/2005 of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, adopted on 25 November 2005,

Affirming the need to focus world attention on the role that the potato can play in providing food security and eradicating poverty in support of achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

1. *Decides* to declare the year 2008 the International Year of the Potato;
2. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to facilitate the implementation of the International Year of the Potato, in collaboration with Governments, the United Nations Development Programme, the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research centres and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system, as well as relevant non-governmental organizations.