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## **International Year of Pulses, 2016**

*The General Assembly,*

*Welcoming* resolution 6/2013 of 22 June 2013 of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations,

*Noting* that pulse crops such as lentils, beans, peas and chickpeas are a critical source of plant-based proteins and amino acids for people around the globe,

*Recalling* that the World Food Programme and other food aid initiatives use pulses as a critical part of the general food basket,

*Desiring* to focus attention on the role that pulses play as part of sustainable food production aimed towards food security and nutrition,

*Recognizing* that the properties of pulses make them an environmentally friendly food choice,

*Recognizing also* that health organizations around the world recommend eating pulses as part of a healthy diet to address obesity, as well as to prevent and help manage chronic diseases such as diabetes, coronary conditions and cancer,

*Believing* that such a celebration would create a unique opportunity to encourage connections throughout the food chain that would better utilize pulse-based proteins, further global production of pulses, better utilize crop rotations and address the challenges in the trade of pulses,

*Affirming* the need to heighten public awareness of the nutritional benefits of pulses and to further sustainable agriculture,

1. *Decides* to declare 2016 the International Year of Pulses;
2. *Reaffirms* Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries and General Assembly resolutions [53/199](#) of 15 December 1998 and [61/185](#) of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years;



3. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, mindful of provisions contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67, to facilitate the implementation of the International Year of Pulses in collaboration with Governments, relevant organizations, non-governmental organizations and all other relevant stakeholders;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its seventy-third session, a focused and concise report on activities resulting from the implementation of the present resolution which elaborates on, inter alia, the evaluation of the International Year of Pulses, and requests the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to keep the Assembly informed of the progress in this regard;

5. *Underlines* that all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met through voluntary resources;

6. *Invites* all relevant stakeholders to make voluntary contributions and to provide other forms of support to the Year.

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