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## **Andorra and San Marino: draft resolution**

### **International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste**

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* its resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of this Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

*Reaffirming also* its resolutions [53/199](#) of 15 December 1998 and [61/185](#) of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#) of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, particularly paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, in which it is stated that an international day or year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

*Recalling* resolution 11/2019 adopted by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations at its forty-first session, held in Rome from 22 to 29 June 2019,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling also* resolution 4/2 of 15 March 2019 of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, on

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<sup>1</sup> See Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, document 2019/REP, appendix H.



promoting sustainable practices and innovative solutions for curbing food loss and waste,<sup>2</sup>

*Recalling further* that the ministerial declaration of the 2018 high-level political forum on sustainable development<sup>3</sup> called upon all stakeholders to adopt a sustainable food systems approach and to develop effective strategies and innovations to reduce food losses and waste,

*Recognizing* the importance of promoting sustainable development in its three dimensions in an innovative, coordinated, environmentally sound, open and shared manner and that the urgent need to reduce the large quantities of food loss and waste taking place worldwide is clearly addressed by Sustainable Development Goal 12, and specifically target 12.3,

*Recalling* that target 12.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals calls for halving per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reducing food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses, by 2030,

*Recalling also* that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations defines food loss as the decrease in the quantity or quality of food resulting from decisions and actions by food suppliers in the chain, excluding retail, food service providers and consumers, and food waste as the decrease in the quantity or quality of food resulting from decisions and actions by retailers, food services and consumers,<sup>4</sup>

*Noting* that an estimated one third of the food produced annually in the world for human consumption, equivalent to some 1.3 billion tons, is lost or wasted, while 820 million people suffer from undernourishment,<sup>4</sup>

*Recalling* that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations leads international efforts to defeat hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition and is mandated to raise levels of nutrition and reduce food losses and food waste, taking into account sustainable production and consumption practices,

*Noting* the urgent need to address the issue of food loss and waste worldwide and the risks that this implies for climate change, agriculture sustainability, human livelihoods and food supplies,

*Recognizing* the fundamental role of sustainable food production and nutrition that promotes food security for the world's growing population and contributes to poverty alleviation, hunger eradication and human health,

*Recognizing also* the importance of addressing issues related to food loss and waste at all stages of the supply chain from producer to end user and of working towards sustainable consumption and production, including through collaboration with relevant stakeholders,

*Recognizing further* that efforts at the national and regional levels already exist to combat food loss and waste and that these efforts need to be sustained and supported in conjunction with civil society,

*Acknowledging* the urgent need to raise awareness at all levels and to promote and facilitate actions for the elimination of food loss and waste across the world and its importance for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/EA.4/Res.2.

<sup>3</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-third Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/73/3)*, chap. VI, sect. F.

<sup>4</sup> Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *The State of Food and Agriculture 2019: Moving Forward on Food Loss and Waste Reduction* (Rome, 2019).

*Recognizing* that the observance of an International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste by the international community would contribute significantly to raising awareness of the importance of the problem and its possible solutions at all levels and would promote global efforts and collective action towards meeting target 12.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals,

1. *Decides* to designate 29 September as the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste;

2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations System, other international and regional organizations and civil society, including non-governmental organizations, individuals and other relevant stakeholders, to observe the International Day, in an appropriate manner and in accordance with national priorities, including through education and activities aimed at raising awareness of the importance of reducing food loss and waste and the contribution of these actions to sustainable development;

3. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to facilitate the observance of the International Day, in collaboration with other relevant organizations, mindful of the provisions contained in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution [1980/67](#) of 25 July 1980;

4. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution and that are above and beyond those currently within the mandate of the lead agency should be met from voluntary contributions, including from the private sector;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, the organizations of the United Nations system and civil society organizations for appropriate observance.