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International Year of Pulses (Draft Resolution)

Executive Summary

The Governments of Pakistan and Turkey have made a proposal to declare an International Year of Pulses (IYP) in 2016. The main objective of this initiative would be to raise awareness of the contribution of pulses to food security. Pulses are important food crops and offer significant nutritional and health advantages due to their high protein and essential amino acid content as well as being a source of complex carbohydrates and several vitamins and minerals.

Extract from CL 146/REP:

39. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 4 of the FAO Policy on the Proclamation of International Years¹, the Council decided to make an exception to its application and endorsed the following proposal:

- a) [...]
- b) regarding declaring 2016 the International Year of Pulses as a platform for raising awareness of the contribution of pulses to food security and nutrition, the Council agreed that the Draft Conference Resolution, as set out in [Annex] [...], be submitted to the 38th Session of the Conference for adoption.

40. The Council reiterated the application of the FAO Policy on the Proclamation and Implementation of International Years for all future proposals, including the requirement for an evaluation following each International Year.

Suggested action by the Conference

The Conference may wish to approve the draft resolution in Annex and to request the Director-General to transmit it to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider, at its next session, declaring the Year 2016 as the International Year of Pulses.

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¹ C 2013/LIM/15



Annex

Resolution ..2013
International Year of Pulses

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Noting that pulse crops such as lentils, beans, peas and chickpeas are a critical source of plant-based proteins 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;

Recognizing the nitrogen-fixing properties of pulses mean that pulses have a smaller carbon footprint than many other crops, making them one of the environmentally sustainable food choices;

Recognizing health organizations around the world recommend eating pulses as part of a healthy diet to address obesity, as well as preventing and managing 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 will better utilize pulse-based proteins, further global production of pulses, better utilize crop rotations, and address the challenges of trade of pulses;

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

Requests the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider, at its next session, declaring the Year 2016 as the International Year of Pulses.

(Adopted on ...)