



*Rappresentanza Permanente
della Repubblica di San Marino
presso la FAO*

Mr. Independent Chair of the Council

Mr. Director General

San Marino has joined other countries in requesting the Director General to convene this Special Session of the Council to discuss the impact on world food security and agriculture arising from the aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

San Marino has also joined the statement delivered by the Representative of the EU.

In our national capacity we would also like to share the call of the UN Secretary-General to end the war; we call that this atrocity be stopped, that human rights be protected and peace restored. We still believe in dialogue and we call for an urgent solution through all diplomatic channels.

We reiterate our strongest condemnation of the unprovoked and unjustified aggression against Ukraine. By its illegal military actions, Russia is violating international law and the principles of the UN Charter, thereby jeopardizing European and global security and stability.

Mr. Chair,

San Marino's institutions, civil society and NGO's are mobilizing resources to host Ukrainian refugees fleeing from war, mainly women and children, and to shed a light of hope on their future.

This war comes at a time where COVID-19 has already negatively affected all the economies worldwide and countries have been confronted with the costs of health expenditures; millions of people losing income and jobs are now pushed into poverty and hunger.

We are all assisting at the rising of the prices of energy in parallel to food prices. We firmly condemn all forms of speculation in this sector.

Measures need to be taken and the price of wheat, cereals controlled.



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The Russian Federation and Ukraine are important players in food (including animal feed), fuel and fertilizer providing wheat, maize and one-third of global cereal exports to Europe and to the least developed countries or low-income, food-deficit countries in Africa and Asia.

As the war continues it is uncertain whether Ukraine will be able to harvest existing crops, plant new ones or sustain livestock production thus increasing food insecurity both at local and at the national supply chains.

The immediate food security dimension of this conflict is related to food access and not to food availability; agricultural production must be allowed to resume immediately and safely to avoid further potential impact on food security in Ukraine – and beyond – in the coming days, weeks and months.

Moreover the indirect impact of this war is being felt around the globe by other countries affected as Yemen, Syria, Iraq, and many African Countries.

Of course, the impact is not only due to this war but to the numerous ongoing conflicts thus increasing the number of displaced people, of vulnerable people thus increasing malnutrition and food insecurity.

Pope Francis has called for a global sense of responsibility, for peace.

The Special Session of the Council must urge for strengthening the RBAs collaboration for better emergency responses and for developing immediate recovering plans as well as for building as soon as possible resilience in food systems.

Thank you.



The Permanent Representative

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