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## CONFERENCE

### Thirty-third Session

Rome, 19 - 26 November 2005

### SECOND REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. At its second meeting held on 23 November 2005, the Resolutions Committee considered the translated versions of the two resolutions it had reviewed during its first meeting, i.e.:
  - the International Year of Natural Fibres submitted by the Philippines;
  - the International Year of Potatoes submitted by Peru on behalf of GRULAC.
2. The Committee commented the above resolutions positively and was of the opinion that the subject matters would fall under provisions f) and i) of the Criteria for the formulation of Resolutions, Appendix C of document C 2005/12.
3. The Committee concluded that the resolution on the International Year of Natural Fibres, as attached, was receivable and should be transmitted to Plenary for consideration under Item "Review of Food and Agriculture".
4. With regard to the resolution on the International Year of Potatoes, the Committee considered it receivable and endorsed it in principle but invited the sponsors to further elaborate the text, in particular as concerns the inclusion of a last paragraph requesting the Director-General to report on "progress in making arrangements, including in securing funding, for the International Year of Potatoes and, subsequently, of the results of the Year once concluded".
5. A third resolution was then submitted to the Committee by the delegate of the United States on behalf of Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Dominican Republic, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland and United Kingdom. The Committee reviewed the draft resolution and invited the sponsors to participate in its deliberation to clarify a number of issues, in particular, with respect to the potential financial implications of its adoption by the Conference. The delegates of Switzerland and the United Kingdom answered the questions raised by members of the Committee. The Committee requested that it be translated (see attached) into the FAO languages to be further reviewed at its successive meeting.
6. The Committee then adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, 24 November, at 15:00 hours.

**Draft Resolution ...../2005  
for adoption by the  
FAO Conference at its 33<sup>rd</sup> Session  
on  
The International Year of Natural Fibres**

Submitted by the Philippines

**THE CONFERENCE,**

**Recalling** that, following consideration by the Joint Meeting of the Thirty-Third Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Hard Fibres and the Thirty-Fifth Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres, and by the Sixty-fifth Session of the Committee on Commodity Problems, the Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Session of the FAO Council in June, 2005, had endorsed the proposal for an International Year of Natural Fibres;

**Noting** that natural fibres play an important part in clothing the world's population as well as having traditional and promising new industrial uses;

**Recalling** that much of the world's natural fibre was produced as a source of cash income by small farmers in low-income and developing countries;

**Desiring** to focus world attention on the role that income derived from the sale and export of natural fibres play in contributing to food security and poverty alleviation of the population;

**Believing** that while the production and consumption of natural fibres offer significant environmental benefits, concerted efforts should be made to ensure that these benefits are not compromised by unsound practices;

**Recognizing** that there were important potential partnerships among participants in the various natural fibre industries;

**Affirming** the need to heighten public awareness of the economic and environmental attributes of natural fibres:

1. **Requests** the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the United Nations declare the Year 2009 as the International Year of Natural Fibres;
2. **Further requests** the Director-General to inform future Sessions of Conference and the Secretary-General of the United Nations of progress in making arrangements, including in securing funding, for the International Year of Natural Fibres and, subsequently, of the results of the Year once concluded.

(Adopted on ..... November 2005)

**Draft Resolution ...../2005  
for adoption by the  
FAO Conference at its 33<sup>rd</sup> Session**

**on  
The International Year of Potatoes**

Submitted by Peru

**THE CONFERENCE,**

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

**Desiring** to focus world attention on the role that the potato can play in providing food security and alleviating poverty of the population;

**Convinced** that concerted efforts are needed to address the issues and challenges that derive from the reduction of productivity, the depletion of natural resources, the problems of the environment and the loss of biodiversity in the present systems of potato cultivation;

**Recognizing** that there are important links between institutions engaged in potato research and development;

**Recalling** also that, at its 3 Session, it endorsed the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture;

**Affirming** the need to revive public awareness of the relationship that exists between poverty, food security, malnutrition and the potential contribution of the potato to defeating hunger:

**Requests** the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with the aim of having the United Nations declare the year 2008 the International Year of Potatoes.

(Adopted on ..... November 2005)

**Draft Resolution ...../2005  
for adoption by the  
FAO Conference at its 33<sup>rd</sup> Session**

on

**The implementation of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 59/250 on the  
Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the  
United Nations system**

Submitted by Brazil, Belgium, Canada, Dominican Republic, Germany, New Zealand, Norway,  
Switzerland and United Kingdom

**THE CONFERENCE,**

**Welcoming** the 2005 World Summit Outcome and mindful of the call by Heads of State and Government for improved system-wide coherence made in the outcome document;

**Mindful** of the crucial importance of the United Nations reform process related, inter alia, to operational activities for development launched by the United Nations Secretary-General and aimed at both ensuring a better coordination of field-level activities and delivering services in a coherent and effective way;

**Further recognising** the need for better coherence and coordination of the operational activities of the UN system, and in this respect recognising the importance of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework in supporting national development efforts;

**Recalling** the adoption of United Nations General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

**Reaffirming** its commitment to the Millennium Declaration, the Monterrey Consensus and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation;

**Reaffirming** that each country has primary responsibility for its own development and that the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized in the achievement of sustainable development, and recognizing that national efforts should be complemented by supportive global programmes, measures and policies aimed at expanding the development opportunities of developing countries, while taking into account national conditions and ensuring respect for national ownership, strategies and sovereignty.

**Welcoming** recent efforts and initiatives to enhance the quality of aid and to increase its impact, including the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, and reaffirms its resolve to take concrete, effective and timely action in implementing all agreed commitments on aid effectiveness, with clear monitoring and deadlines, including through further aligning assistance with countries' strategies, building institutional capacities, reducing transaction costs and eliminating bureaucratic procedures, making progress on untying aid, enhancing the absorptive capacity and financial management of recipient countries and strengthening the focus on development results;

**Reaffirming** the commitment of FAO Members to support system-wide coherence by implementing current reforms aimed at more effective, efficient, coherent, coordinated and better-performing UN country presence with a strengthened role for the senior resident official, whether special representative, resident coordinator or humanitarian coordinator, including appropriate authority, resources and accountability, and a common management, programming and monitoring framework.

**Welcoming** FAO's contribution to the achievement of the MDGs, as presented in paper "FAO and the Challenge of the MDGs: The Road Ahead";

**Recognizing** the vital contribution of FAO to the operational activities of the UN system at country level, and acknowledging FAO's active participation in the work of the United Nations Development Group;

**Recognizing** the importance of the operational and normative work of FAO and of strengthening the linkages between them (M+5 169):

1. **Reaffirms** the commitment of FAO Members to the work of the Organisation, in accordance with and in full compliance with its mandate, as expressed in the Preamble and Article 1 of the FAO Constitution;
2. **Requests** the Director General of FAO to take appropriate actions for the full implementation of General Assembly Resolution 59/250 (59/250 is annexed to this resolution). In particular its chapter II on funding for operational activities for development of the UN system; III on capacity-building; IV on transaction costs and efficiency; chapter V on coherence, effectiveness and relevance of operational activities for development; VI on country level capacity of the United Nations System; VII on evaluation of operational activities for development; VIII on regional Dimensions; IX on South-South Cooperation and development of national capacities; X on gender; XI on transition from relief to development and XII on follow-up;
3. **Requests** FAO Secretariat to submit to the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference an interim report on the implementation of the present resolution.

(Adopted on ..... November 2005)