



Resolution 2/87

WORLD FOOD DAY

THE CONFERENCE,

Recalling [Resolution 1/79](#) establishing World Food Day, as well as [Resolutions 7/81](#) and [5/83](#) which strongly recommended the intensification of efforts in the observance of this event,

Aware that World Food Day has achieved wide recognition as a focal point for reflection on world food problems and has mobilized effective action for the necessary long-term effort to overcome widespread malnutrition,

Considering that World Food Day has efficiently promoted people's participation in the search for solutions to hunger problems, as intended by FAO Member Nations when they decided to establish World Food Day at the Twentieth Session of the Conference,

Appreciating the prompt and outstanding response by Member States of the Organization in the planning and implementation of World Food Day activities at country level, which have ensured the achievement of most of the original objectives defined by the international community at the establishment of this initiative,

Recognizing and approving the important role which non-governmental organizations have played in bringing the Day to global prominence,

Appreciating the contribution provided in this sense by document C 87/29 "World Food Day Assessment (1981-1987) and Future Directions" that was presented to the Conference,

Persuaded that, in light of the above, the opportunity now exists for a further expansion and deepening of activities attaching to this event:

1. **Expresses** its gratitude for the contribution of Member Governments and all non-governmental organizations helping to build support for this annual observance;
2. **Underscores** the need for World Food Day activities to promote concepts of equity and human dignity, as recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and

international covenants and undertakings;

3. **Urges** Member Governments to make all possible efforts to establish - or to strengthen if they already exist - World Food Day National Committees, in order to pursue the positive trend of moving away from a stogie-day observance to a year-round programme of constructive action, and from ceremonial observances to more substantive activities addressing food-related issues;
4. **Recommends** that Member Governments, non-governmental organizations and the FAO Secretariat work together as much as possible in the planning, coordination and implementation of World Food Day activities, in order to enhance the international nature of this event, following the concepts and ideas contained in document C 87/29 ("World Food Day Assessment (1981-1987) and Future Directions");
5. **Requests** that the Director-General make all efforts to continue the effective coordination of World Food Day activities throughout the world;
6. **Recommends** that the FAO Secretariat make a sustained effort to broaden international support for World Food Day through cooperation with other United Nations agencies and programmes and relevant international non-governmental organizations (INGOs);
7. **Encourages** the FAO Secretariat to facilitate in all possible ways other initiatives for international World Food Day planning and programmes, especially in the areas of information and material exchange;
8. **Urges** that Member Governments and others involved in World Food Day planning give a more prominent role to the concept of people's participation, considering also how World Food Day programmes implemented at the national level could support the goals of the Programme of Action of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development.

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