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QUESTION OF: **MAINSTREAMING BIODIVERSITY IN AGRICULTURE,
FISHERIES AND FORESTRY FOR IMPROVED FOOD
SECURITY AND BETTER NUTRITION**

The General Assembly,

Fully alarmed that the rate of deforestation continues to increase, threatening the potential contribution of forests to food security of the needy,

Conscious that the world's fisheries are being fully exploited or depleted as the demand for seafood is outgrowing the sustainable yield of oceanic fisheries,

Deeply concerned that changes in climatic conditions increase the frequency and intensity of droughts and floods and resulting in poor harvest which in turn cause food scarcity and also exacerbate poverty,

Fully aware that accelerated land degradation reduces soil and water efficiency which decreases food production and raises food insecurity,

Grieved by the fact that agricultural productivity is declining due to a lack of farming mechanization resulting in food loss and low livelihood resilience of the poor,

Taking into account that despite numerous actions being taken, high levels of undernourishment and child malnutrition has been increasing,

1. Emphasizes on the need to administer the promotion of agrarian lands, restoration of degraded forests and conversion of swamps, wetlands into agricultural land;

2. Encourages member states to work towards the objectives of the 2nd Sustainable Development Goal in order to provide all people suffering from malnutrition with food supplies and achieve food security;

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3. Calls upon the governments to improve the management and protection of coastal zones and marine ecosystems through the development and implementations of appropriate regulations and sanctions;

4. Expresses its appreciation towards the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN which is developing regional and national strategies in support of a better agricultural mechanization with governments to increase land productivity, reduce poverty and achieve food security;

5. Further requests authorities to promote and support research, innovation and development initiatives:

a) To enhance the contribution of sustainable aquaculture, with due consideration to feed efficiency;

b) To seek solutions to challenges threatening our oceans, seas and forests;

6. Appeals to producers that actions be taken to improve the food system by raising the productivity quality and efficiency of agriculture, fostering sustainable agri-food systems and maintaining agricultural diversity;

7. Solemnly affirms that developing nutrient management systems for specific soils, soil rehabilitation and economical methods to control or reverse salinization of soil would maintain, stabilise and increase soil productivity;

8. Notes with satisfaction that food industries are now much more focused on issues related to food labelling, risks associated with the whole food chain and basically on improving food safety;

9. Urges agriculture-related ministries to put forth strategies to prevent and reduce the contamination of marine spaces, mainly by reducing pollutant discharges into the sea and by more effective management of ports and fleets;

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10. Further invites farmers to utilize the 3 Field Crop Rotation method in order to preserve the productivity and fertility of the soil;

11. Draws the attention on the need to conduct awareness-raising campaigns in order to promote the importance of defeating hunger to ensure that the future population will have enough high-quality food to live active, healthy lives;

12. Demands governments to provide subsidies to encourage and promote development of agriculture and fisheries for more sustainable food production.