

General Assembly Food and Agriculture Organization

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Theme: "Reduce Food Waste"

The General Assembly,

Acknowledging the large amount of food waste, in Australia and all other parts of the world: both underdeveloped and developed countries have large amounts of avoidable food waste.

Noting that the production of food that is wasted is responsible for a large percentage of greenhouse gas emissions in Australia and the rest of the world: Food waste contributes greatly to climate change.

Stressing that a large percentage of food waste is lost during the transport of food from the place of production to the supplier, consumer due to the malfunctions of storage and transport infrastructures.

Reminding that if no food was wasted, there would be enough to feed all undernourished people in the world: Food waste contributes to world hunger.

1. Urges all countries to acknowledge and respect the Sustainable Development Goal 12.3 to halve all food waste by 2030 and also urging developed countries that are financially capable to cut their food waste by 75%;
2. Calls for the development of infrastructures that permit food storage over longer periods of time, quick transportation and overall efficient distribution of food (no waste) by investing in research of smart packaging and cold chain management;
3. Requests that each country monitor its citizens' habits to assess the amount of food wasted by each citizen or family and how it varies from city to city, and from neighbourhood to neighbourhood; The monitoring system could consist of enforcing different bins for food waste and sanction those who don't respect the sorting
4. Stresses the importance of educating the public on the issue of food waste and organizing guidelines, rules and restrictions on the disposal of food waste, urging the public to recycle. Adding classes on this topic to all public education systems and adding informative programs on television. If all citizens knew of the issues food waste causes and were sanctioned, new ways of disposal would become more popular (eg: compost, animal feed, recycling, etc);
5. Encourages all members to collaborate with international organizations, such as the FAO, to obtain correct information and advice based on the current situation of the country, and potential funding.