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Question: Reduce Food Waste

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Knowing that previous resolutions already delivered have affirmed that the reduction of food loss and waste is also clearly set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and more particularly in Target 12.3, calling for halving global food waste per capita at the retail and consumer level, as well as reducing food losses along production and supply chains,

Having reported that the Food Loss Index and data collection methodology, developed by FAO, makes it possible to measure and monitor progress towards achieving SDG target 12.3 at the national level.

Questioning food waste "Reduce Food Waste",

Questioning all the associations and organizations which actively fight against food waste such as Solidarifood or HopHopfood or even Phenix to become our main sponsors

Aware that according to FAO figures, in 2023, around 47 million tonnes of food waste are thrown away worldwide,

Noting that such waste represents an estimated cost of around €98 billion per year,

Bearing in mind that the FAO declared on the subject carried out in 2011, that a third of food is lost or wasted along the food chain, from production to consumption, which represents approximately 1 .3 billion tonnes per year,

Fully aware that the particular skills of FAO revolve around these essential functions concerning protection and food security in the world which are:

- 1) The fight against hunger,
- 2) Promote food security,
- 3) Environmental protection,
- 4) The development of the research program,
- 5) Respect the three dimensions of sustainable development,
- 6) Design programs and policies to fight hunger,

1- *Calls* for the creation of educational programs aimed at raising awareness about food waste and developing practical solutions to reduce food loss would be a major solution in changing consumption patterns and lifestyles, with the aim of;

- A) raise awareness about consumption instructions,
- B) inform on the specific sorting methods and the impacts when they are carried out incorrectly,
- C) highlight the first reflexes to apply to better understand food,
- D) provide information on the risks and impacts of mass food waste,
- E) support the actions and interventions of farmers and local producers in order to better manage stocks

Source: IFCO, FAO.org, unscn.org

- 2- *Strongly recommends* establishing infrastructure in educational establishments as well as disseminating programs globally in all areas;
- a) trying to create a program bringing together enough competent staff, as well as infrastructure that respects the environment in their production in order to allow green broadcasting of the programs
- b) providing course hours on waste, on expiration dates, on food design, on major famines,

- 3- *Encourages* training courses for volunteers as well as for students wanting to deepen the already compulsory food culture courses:
- a) teaching them the correct behavior to have when faced with a surplus of food,
- b) providing them with time to adapt to the infrastructures and this before the possible food crises,
- c) gain efficiency if the need becomes pressing; be optimized on risks and the reproduction of these risks in the future
- 4- *Recommends* ensuring constant environmental monitoring of risk areas, these are located in the different production sectors as well as in the countries with the least regulations on food waste and therefore the most likely to waste food,
- a) facilitating access to awareness resources in order to develop a desire not to waste countries on each other by:
- 1) creating free access to these awareness programs,
- 2) listing the number of waste per household, by creating a web page where the cases would be exposed and sanctioned according to the seriousness of the food waste,
- a) each trash can from each household will be weighed and must not exceed a weight quota depending on the country, more or less advanced in which it is located, for example Nigeria is the country which holds the record for the quantity of household food waste with a volume of 190 kilograms per inhabitant or it will be regulated at necessarily less than 100 kilograms per inhabitant
- b) each municipality will be represented by a delegate elected every year from the population who will have to fulfill this verification task,
- c) the sanctions will be for the municipality at fault, works of general interest, compulsory races for associations, sanctions not very heavy but quite painful in order to avoid creating illegality
- 5- *Supports* the creation of an international monetary fund financed by the signatory States to finance the contribution, refrigeration and implementation of these programs;
 - a) by volunteering to open the fund and be its first lender, the first treasurer.
 - b) rewarding the first ten participants with honor
 - c) assuring them of all our support if there are future famine crisis
- 6- *Encourages* the establishment of international systems fighting against the acceptance of food waste (especially those from countries most exposed to the risks of overconsumption) because it is these bodies which have the power to eradicate or on the contrary to create a crisis famine;
- 7- *Urges* each delegation to quickly examine the question.