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International Year of Camelids (Draft Resolution)

Executive Summary

The Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia has proposed the establishment of an International Year of Camelids for their importance for food security, poverty reduction and livelihoods, especially in arid lands. Camelids are the main means of subsistence for millions of families who live in the most hostile environments in about 90 countries of the planet. Those animals are essential for food security and nutrition as they are the main source of protein for indigenous communities in different regions of the world. They also provide fibre, organic fertilizer, traction and transport, and are indispensable for nomadic pastoral livelihoods.

Extract from CL 156/REP:

27. The Council examined the proposal to establish an International Year of Camelids, and endorsed the draft resolution "International Year of Camelids" in 2024 [...] to be submitted to the 40th Session of the FAO Conference for adoption.

Suggested action by the Conference

The Conference may wish to approve the draft resolution in Annex and to request the Director-General to transmit it to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider, at its next session, declaring 2024 as International Year of Camelids.

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International Year of Camelids

The Conference,

Noting that camelids constitute the main means of subsistence for millions of poor families who live in the most hostile ecosystems on the planet, and contribute to the fight against hunger (SDG 2), the reduction of extreme poverty (SDG 1), the empowerment of women (SDG 5), and the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems (SDG 15).

Recognizing that Camelids are a main source of protein, fibre for clothes and fertilizer for agricultural production for indigenous communities throughout South America's extensive Andean highlands as well as in the majority of deserts in Africa and Asia.

Recognizing that camelids are a unique species of indigenous mammals in South America, symbolizing an important element in the cultural identity of ancestral pastoral indigenous communities.

Affirming that camelids can play a key role in addressing the effects of climate change, particularly in arid and semi-arid lands and that recognition, advocacy and support for the promotion of the products and services provided by them is of paramount importance for the livelihoods of the communities depending on them;

Recalling the urgent need to raise public awareness of the importance of camelids for food security and ecosystem functions, and to promote actions that improve the management of camelids in order to contribute to the agreed United Nations Sustainable Development Goals;

Trusting that such a celebration would establish a platform and encourage actions to promote and implement activities in favour of the conservation, sustainable use and development of camelid genetic resources, as well as raise awareness of their importance in addressing issues of global concern, including hunger, poverty and threats to the environment;

Stressing that additional costs of activities arising from the implementation of the International Year of Camelids be met through voluntary contributions, including from the private sector.

Requests the Director-General to transmit this Resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to having the General Assembly of the United Nations consider at its next session declaring the Year 2024 as the International Year of Camelids.

(Adopted on ... 2017)