

The problem is admittedly complex, but in our view its solution is of the greatest urgency for every day the numbers of hungry people increase. Let our goal be the abolition of hunger in a world where hunger should no longer exist and let us now join together in taking a great and decisive step forward."

There follows the text of the joint resolution which was unanimously approved by the General Assembly on October 27 and which has now been transmitted to the FAO for action:

"The United Nations General Assembly:

Considering that the peoples in many of the less developed countries suffer from serious shortage of food,

Noting with approval that the FAO of the U.N., in co-operation with the U.N., appropriate specialized agencies, member governments, and non-governmental organizations, has launched a "Freedom from Hunger Campaign" designed as a concerted attack on the problem of providing adequate food for food-deficient peoples,

Recalling the General Assembly's Resolutions 827(IX) and 1025(XI) and Economic and Social Council Resolutions 621(XXII) and 685(XXVI) concerning international co-operation in the establishment of national food reserves,

Bearing in mind the existing opportunities for consultation and exchange of information provided by FAO through its consultative Sub-Committee on Surplus Disposals,

Recognizing that FAO principles of surplus disposal and guiding lines are a valuable instrument for guidance to governments in transactions, programmes, policies, and consultations relating to disposal and utilization of agricultural surpluses,

Recognizing further that the ultimate solution to the problem of hunger lies in an effective acceleration of economic development allowing the under-developed countries to increase their food production and enabling them to purchase more food through normal channels of international trade,

Convinced of the impelling need to solve the problem of hunger and malnutrition among many peoples and of the vital role which the U.N. system can play in actions designed to help solve this critical problem,

Further convinced that better-fed peoples will help raise productivity and thus contribute to the increase of their standard of living,

1. Endorses the "Freedom from Hunger Campaign" launched by FAO and urges all members of the U.N. and of the specialized agencies to support this campaign in every appropriate way;
2. Appeals to members of the U.N. and the specialized agencies to take suitable measures to relieve the suffering of food-deficient people in other nations and assist them in their economic development and in their efforts toward a better life;