

Joint Declaration

translation from Portuguese

1. The Ministries of Health of Angola, Bolivia, and Brazil and the Technical Secretariat for Food and Nutrition Security of the Ministry of Agriculture of Mozambique;
2. Driven by their willingness to strengthen existing friendships and solidarity between these respective countries and peoples;
3. Determined to develop and deepen the relationships of cooperation; and reaffirming their commitment to the objectives and principles of the Founding Charter of the United Nations;

Declare:

4. The importance of the Case Studies presented at the 32nd Session of the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (SCN), analyzing nutrition strategies in national development plans in the context of the realization of the Right to Adequate Food to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals;
5. Their agreement to prioritize actions to promote nutrition that ensure multisectoral interventions to address nutrition problems and illnesses related to food and nutrition, be it for lack of food or for excess or inadequate consumption;
6. The necessity to implement, based on the results of the Case Studies presented during the 32nd Session of the SCN, multisectoral proposals capable of guiding healthy food and nutrition actions, which have an integrated approach and take into consideration local realities in line with the public and social policies of the respective countries;
7. To mutually help each other in the training of human resources in food and nutrition within the context of the Human Right to Adequate Food and Nutrition; food and nutrition security and the promotion of healthy food practices, including nutrition through out the life-cycle, clinical nutrition and dietetics;
8. Begin efforts to encourage the exchange and continuing education of nutrition professionals (graduate and post-graduate) in public universities and present successful experiences carried-out by collaborators in food and nutrition and Non-Governmental Organizations;
9. To support the elaboration of strategies and methods to incorporate nutrition in programmes and actions directed towards the treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS;
10. Agree to the mutual exchange of related experiences and strategies to overcome hunger and poverty for population groups at risk of nutrition problems;
11. To support the promotion of defining communication strategies, the participation and mobilization of civil society in the context of the Human Right to the Adequate Food;

12. Begin efforts and begin to work with respective governments to ensure the continuity of this process; and

13. To propose, as soon as possible, the elaboration of respective plans of action (multi- and/or bilateral) for the execution, monitoring and evaluation of the proposed actions as part of the policies of each country.

To accomplish the objectives of this Joint Declaration, the Representatives of the Ministries of Health from Angola, Brazil and Bolivia and the Technical Secretariat for Food and Nutrition Security of the Ministry of Agriculture of Mozambique, request from the United Nations System SCN, and the agencies of the United Nations, in particular UNICEF and WHO, all the necessary support.

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