

**DECISION ON THE JACQUES DIOUF PRIZE ON FOOD SECURITY**  
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The Assembly,

1. **TAKES NOTE** of the proposal by the Republic of Mali and co-sponsored by the Republic of Malawi to create a “Jacques DIOUF Prize”;
2. **RECALLS** the importance of Agriculture and Food Security in Africa and **ENCOURAGES** initiatives aimed at strengthening Food Security and the eradication of hunger and poverty on the continent;
3. **CONGRATULATES** Dr. Jacques DIOUF for his remarkable commitment to the development of Agriculture and Food Security in Africa throughout his three (3) terms of office as Director General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO);
4. **APPROVES** the proposal by the Republic of Mali and co-sponsored by the Republic of Malawi to create a “Jacques DIOUF Prize”, on the basis of the recommendations of the Twenty Sixth Session of FAO Regional Conference for Africa held in Luanda, Angola, from 4 to 7 July 2010;
5. **DECIDES** to award every two (2) years, the “Jacques DIOUF Prize” to a Member State or institution that has made an outstanding contribution towards achieving food security, in particular, through the improvement of small-scale farming and elimination of post-harvest losses in rural communities, agriculture innovation and environmental sustainability;
6. **INVITES** Member States and all partners to support the proposed “Jacques Diouf Prize” through voluntary contributions and to ensure its financial and environmental sustainability;
7. **REQUESTS** the Commission to prepare and submit to the next Ordinary Session of the Executive Council in January 2012 draft modalities for the process of selecting recipient Member States or institutions including resources mobilization.

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