

SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE QUINOA

The Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered in Santiago, Chile, on 27 and 28 January 2013, in the framework of the Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).

Welcome Resolution A/RES/66/221 of the United Nations General Assembly that declares 2013 as the “international year of the quinoa”.

Celebrate the decision of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to designate His Excellency Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, and Mrs. Nadine Heredia, First Lady of Peru, Special Ambassadors of FAO for the International Year of the Quinoa.

Affirm that due to the nutritional value of the quinoa, it plays a role in achieving food and nutritional security and the eradication of hunger and poverty, recognizing that the Andean indigenous peoples, through their traditional knowledge and practice of living well, in harmony with nature, have maintained, controlled, protected and preserved the quinoa in its natural state.

Moreover, they reiterate their commitment expressed in the last Summit of promoting the cultivation of the quinoa to combat hunger, highlighting the importance of disseminating the qualities of this nutritional food, through the support of research and development programs.

Therefore:

Express their commitment of participating and assisting the activities of the International Year of the Quinoa through:

- The dissemination of the qualities of this food as an alternative to alleviate hunger and poverty.
- Supporting programs that contribute to research and development of this crop.
- Participating actively in International Fairs and Symposiums in order to promote its cultivation and consumption.

Santiago, Chile, 28 January 2013