



**Ministerial Conference
Twelfth Session
Geneva, 12-15 June 2022**

**MINISTERIAL DECISION ON WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME FOOD PURCHASES
EXEMPTION FROM EXPORT PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS**

ADOPTED ON 17 JUNE 2022

The Ministerial Conference,

Having regard to paragraph 1 of Article IX of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization;

Pursuant to Article 12 of the Agreement on Agriculture and Article XI of the GATT 1994;

In view of the critical humanitarian support provided by the World Food Programme, made more urgent as global hunger levels have increased sharply;

With the understanding that the World Food Programme always takes procurement decisions on the basis of its principles to "do no harm" to the supplying Member and promote local and regional food procurement;

Decides as follows:

1. Members shall not impose export prohibitions or restrictions on foodstuffs purchased for non-commercial humanitarian purposes by the World Food Programme.
2. This Decision shall not be construed to prevent the adoption by any Member of measures to ensure its domestic food security in accordance with the relevant provisions of the WTO agreements.
