RESOLUTION – UNITED MEXICAN STATES

THEME : 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

CONCERN: REDUCING LOSS OF WATER ASSOCIATED TO THE AVOCADO PRODUCTION IN MEXICO

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Observing that Mexico is one of the world's leading avocado producers and that avocado production requires significant quantities of water,

Noting that some avocado-producing regions of the state of Jalisco experience considerable pressure on water resources due to the irrigation of avocado plantations,

Recognizing that some irrigated plantations can use more than 1000 m^3 of water per ton of avocados produced, increasing pressure on local water resources,

Considering that climate change and periods of drought may further worsen problems related to water availability,

Emphasizing that this issue also concerns international trade, as Mexico exports a large proportion of its avocado production,

Decides to promote international cooperation aimed at reducing water consumption in avocado production,

to implement smart irrigation systems using soil-moisture sensors and weather data in order to provide crops only with the amount of water they require,

to encourage collecting and reusing rainwater and agricultural runoff in order to limit a loss of water

to establish an international "Water-Smart Avocado" Certification for producers meeting water consumption criteria established in cooperation with relevant UN bodies,

to financially support small-scale producers in the transition towards these technologies through international sustainable development programmes,

to encourage sharing technologies and data between avocado producing countries in order to develop more water efficient production methods.

The English text is binding.