

**Memorandum of Understanding  
between the Russian Federation  
and the Secretariat of the United Nations  
on promoting Russian food products  
and fertilizers to the world markets**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into between the Russian Federation and the United Nations Secretariat (Secretariat).

*Recalling* that the right to adequate food is a human right, and that food is not just a commodity;

*Noting* that the common priority of the Russian Federation and the Secretariat is to urgently address the growing global food insecurity concerns due to rising food and fertilizers prices in global markets, which is threatening to further undermine the efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG 2 - Zero Hunger;

*Noting* that one of the key areas of cooperation between the Russian Federation and the Secretariat is to also prevent hunger and aggravating food security issues - primarily in developing and the least developed countries – by bringing stability to global food markets by facilitating access to agricultural products including fertilizers and raw materials required to produce fertilizers (including ammonia), originating from the Russian Federation;

*Noting* the ongoing crisis in the supply chains and disruptions in the logistics sector that contribute to the sharp increase of prices for transportation and relevant expenses and in particular seriously affecting access of food and fertilizers for developing and the least developed countries;

*Noting* the importance of unimpeded trade of fertilizers and the raw materials required to produce fertilizers (including ammonia), for the purposes of supporting global agricultural production;

*Aspiring* to establish a process to facilitate the unimpeded access of food and fertilizers, including the raw materials required to produce fertilizers (including ammonia), to global markets originating from the Russian Federation;

*Recognizing* the critical role of the United Nations system in designing and coordinating global measures for a food crisis response program under the leadership of the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

*Now therefore*, the Russian Federation and the Secretariat have arrived at a mutual understanding of the following measures that they will take to facilitate the unimpeded access to global markets for food and fertilizers, including the raw

materials required to produce fertilizers (including ammonia), originating from the Russian Federation.

1. The Russian Federation will continue commercial supplies of food and fertilizers to the countries in need of such products.

The Russian Federation will inform the Secretariat of the impediments to access of food and fertilizers, including the raw materials required to produce fertilizers (including ammonia), originating from the Russian Federation to the world markets.

The Russian Federation will facilitate the unimpeded export of food, sunflower oil and fertilizers from Ukrainian controlled Black Sea ports.

2. The Secretariat agrees to continue efforts to facilitate the transparent unimpeded access of food and fertilizers, including the raw materials required to produce fertilizers (including ammonia), originating from the Russian Federation to the world markets. This includes impediments that may arise in the sectors of finance, insurance and logistics.

The Secretariat will endeavor to engage relevant authorities and the private sector to effectively exempt food and fertilizers, including the raw materials required to produce fertilizers (including ammonia), originating in the Russian Federation from measures imposed on the Russian Federation, based on the principle that those measures do not apply to food and fertilizers; thereby facilitating the unimpeded export of Russian food products and fertilizers, including the raw materials required to produce fertilizers (including ammonia), to world markets, taking into account critical global food security needs and the urgent requirements of the relevant food and fertilizer producers and traders in the Russian Federation.

The Secretariat will advise Russian companies on how to do business with the United Nations and the procedure and requirements for becoming a registered vendor.

3. The Russian Federation and the Secretariat will establish a mutual exchange of information for the purposes of this Memorandum's implementation.

The exchange of information will be as follows:

From the Russian side – through the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations in New York;

From the Secretariat side – through Secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

4. The present Memorandum is not an international treaty and does not establish any rights or obligations under the international law.

5. Any differences between the Russian Federation and the Secretariat arising from the interpretation, implementation or application of this Memorandum will be resolved through consultations between them.

6. The present Memorandum will come into effect on the date of the last signature by the representatives of the Russian Federation and the Secretariat. The present Memorandum will remain in effect for a period of three years. The Russian Federation and the Secretariat will inform each other in writing 3 months in advance of the date on which they intend to stop applying the present Memorandum.

7. Amendments to the present Memorandum will be made by mutual written consent of the Russian Federation and the Secretariat.

Signed in duplicate at Istanbul on 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2022 in English and Russian. In the event of dispute or a disagreement as to the interpretation of this MoU, the English version will prevail.

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For the United Nations Secretariat: H.E. Mr. A. Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General