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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESEIDENT OF THE DOMINICAN  
REPUBLIC TO THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

I wish to convey to the representatives of the world community participating in the World Food Conference the solidarity of the Government and people of the Dominican Republic with the efforts of this meeting to find ways to improve the quality of life for all mankind, and in particular of the great masses who today are suffering under the lash of hunger, victims of an unequal distribution of wealth, which the few hoard while others struggle to emerge from a state of underdevelopment and oppressive dependency.

We appeal particularly to the people of the affluent countries to curtail their inordinate consumption of superfluous products, which they enjoy whilst millions of human beings lack the bare essentials for survival.

The current world-wide food production crisis, which could have unexpected consequences, must be faced in a spirit of human solidarity and with the fortitude and decision that come from the conviction that we all live on the same planet and that the fate of one will be the fate of all.