

This appeal seeks to remind world opinion of an ethical long haunted mankind's dreams but has now become a burning duty matter of concrete urgency: the need to provide every human being, first of all every child, with a minimum food ration.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights includes the right of every person to be free from hunger. And the Council of Europe prefaces in its Resolution 735/1980: "In order to protect the life of all children, certain basic foods be withdrawn from the commercial markets and that all children be entitled to a certain free ration thereof".

The required technical and material resources exist today. At last it is possible to fulfill this long-standing obligation. What is lacking is the effective political will to make these resources available and to make it this possibility a reality. That is why hundreds of millions of people are still suffering from malnutrition. That is why several millions of children still die each year. And that is why a feeling of helplessness is spreading throughout the world, breeding despair and violence.

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In the name of all human beings and of a global solidarity which has become both a moral aspiration and an objective necessity, we request; that Resolution 735/1980 of the Council of Europe be adopted by all countries and implemented as soon as possible.

The undersigned supports the Appeal

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