



SPECIAL COMMUNIQUÉ ON DECLARATION OF 2013 AS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF QUINOA

1. The Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered in Caracas, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, on 3rd December 2011, within the framework of the Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).
2. Welcome the Resolution 15/2011 of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) on the International Year of Quinoa, adopted on July 2nd, at its 37th Conference, noting that it is a natural food with high nutritional value, and also recognizing the traditional knowledge and practices used in its cultivation which has been controlled, protected and maintained by the Andean indigenous peoples.
3. They greet the approval, by consensus, of 2013 as the International Year of Quinoa, by the 66th United Nations Assembly Second Commission (A/C.2/66/L.19/REV.1) and summon the Member States of CELAC to support its implementation.
4. Likewise, they reiterate that Quinoa, with its nutritional value, plays a role in achieving food and nutritional security and eradicating poverty, having a direct impact on the achievement of all



internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.

5. In this regard, they express their commitment to promote the Quinoa cultivation in order to reduce hunger, given its nutritional properties. Also, they stress the importance of spreading the qualities of this nutritional food by supporting research and development programmes.