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#### NOTE

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	"Food for Gaza" Initiative - Request by the Italian Delegation for an AOB item

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Delegations will find in the annex a note from the Italian Delegation concerning the “Food for Gaza” initiative. The topic will be included as an “Any other business” item on the agenda for the Foreign Affairs Council on 18 March 2024.

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**AOB item requested by Italy for the FAC  
(18 March 2024)**

1. Italy will inform on the "Food for Gaza" initiative, launched in Rome on March 11th together with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).
2. The initiative consists in a permanent coordination mechanism that brings together international organizations and national stakeholders that are working on the Gaza crisis and are capable of deploying concrete and rapid humanitarian interventions.
3. The initiative will focus at first on the most pressing humanitarian issues, starting from food security and health care, in order to help alleviate needs in the immediate term. In the medium term, it aims to contribute towards the material, social and human reconstruction of the Gaza Strip.
4. Within this framework, Italy is engaged in outreach activities to mobilize national and international stakeholders that can make a meaningful contribution to this initiative.
5. In particular, Italy calls for the EU and all EU MS to support the efforts of FAO, WFP and IFRC in developing a coordinated strategy for short-and medium-term aid supply in Gaza; in strengthening the delivery of humanitarian support to the population; in launching a permanent round table to address the issue of reconstruction on the material, social and human level.

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