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Calling attention to the nearly 800 million chronically undernourished people and over two billion with micronutrient deficiencies, the United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed 2016 the start of the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition.

- 5 The 193-member General Assembly adopted a consensus resolution on Friday, calling on the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) to lead the implementation<sup>1</sup> of the Decade. In a press release welcoming the decision, FAO called the document “a major step towards mobilizing action around reducing hunger and improving nutrition around the world.”
- 10 Among other topics to be focused on during the Decade will be assistance to the some 159 million children under the age of five who are too short for their age, and the approximate 50 million in that age bracket who have a low weight for their height. Meanwhile, around the world, about 1.9 billion people are overweight, of whom 600 million are obese.
- 15 “This resolution places nutrition at the heart of sustainable development” FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva said. “Children can’t fully reap<sup>2</sup> the benefits of schooling if they don’t get the nutrients they need; and emerging economies won’t reach their full potential if their workers are chronically tired because their diets are unbalanced. That’s why we welcome the
- 20 Decade of Action on Nutrition and look forward to helping make it a success,” he added.

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1. implementation : mise en œuvre

2. reap : (to) get