On October 16, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and other United Nations (UN) member

states will commemorate the World Food Day through the 37th Session of the World Committee on Food Security. The theme chosen for this year's observance is 'FOOD PRICES – FROM CRISIS TO STABILITY.' Such is an ironic theme given the fact that the price of oil has continuously surged; the credit crunch and unemployment rise have run unabated globally; climate crisis has devastated livelihoods and crops especially in South Asia and Eastern Europe; and the food price index has increased more steeply at the start of the year compared to the 2008 World Food Crisis.

For the People's Coalition on Food Sovereignty (PCFS) and its network -- World Food Day, or more aptly, World Foodless Day -- has always been an occasion to critique and pose sustainable alternatives to the fundamental problems besetting agriculture and the global food system, which has placed more than a billion people in abject poverty and hunger; to protest the neo-liberal policies imposed by monopoly capitalist countries, International Financial Institutions and transnational agro-corporation on developing countries for their hegemonic profiteering interest; and to foster unity among the peoples to continue promoting and developing the struggle for food sovereignty.

This coming World Foodless Day, we call on all concerned organizations to conduct mass actions and other public awareness activities in their respective countries to highlight the resistance of the people against the havoc created by corporate globalization and neo-liberal policies in agriculture, the environment, and the global food system. We should emphasize the wanton violations being inflicted upon the rights of the people and the unbearable condition that they now live through in the worsening multiple crises across the globe.

To become part of the International Day of Action, we call on every organization to register their plans for the coming World Foodless Day and send a copy of their statements, posters, flyers and other materials that would contribute in demonstrating the growing discontent and resistance from different parts of the world. We shall then consolidate all the planned activities and related materials and send it to other networks and concerned international institutions.

We will be looking forward to hear from you and we hope for the success of your endeavours.