Press release:

World Food Day 2008

New “Right to Food and Nutrition Watch”

to be launched in Rome, Vienna, Brussels, Utrecht and Amsterdam

Heidelberg/Stuttgart/Utrecht, October 15, 2008 - On the occasion of World Food Day 2008, the Zero Issue of the new Right to Food and Nutrition Watch will be presented to the public in Rome, Vienna, Brussels, Utrecht and Amsterdam by representatives of the publishing alliance from Bread for the World, ICCO and FIAN International.

The Right to Food and Nutrition Watch is the first and only international periodical review that monitors state actors' actions related to the realization of the right to food. Published annually, the Right to Food and Nutrition Watch will not only put pressure on policymakers at the national and international level to take the human right to food into account, but will also serve as a resource showing where best practices are used as well as where violations of the right to food are committed.

The Zero Issue of the Right to Food and Nutrition Watch deals with the topic “The World Food Crisis and the Human Right to Food” and gathers articles and country monitoring reports from different experts and regions. Other partners of the Right to Food and Nutrition Watch consortium are Habitat International Coalition, Peoples’ Health Movement, World Alliance on Breastfeeding Action and OMCT (World Organisation Against Torture). Rights and Democracy and Act International further supported the launch of this pioneering publication.

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