

Portugal – Statement on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States

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Mr Chair,

1. I am honoured to speak on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States.
2. The Committee on World Food Security is an integral and central component of the governance of world food security and nutrition. Its products are especially relevant for the UN Food Systems Summit 2021 in a period when the world is *sailing uncharted waters*, testing the resilience of food systems, food security and nutrition.
3. We welcome the proposal for the CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work for 2020-2023 prepared by the Bureau, in consultation with the Advisory Group, and express our appreciation for the detailed information provided.
4. We note the need to constantly reflect the right balance in terms of workload, human and financial resources.
5. The speed and scale of the current pandemic crisis has demonstrated the need for the CFS to be able to react in case of sudden, urgent, global and major crises. Thus, we support the possibility for the CFS, in consultation with its members, to be able to tackle, under exceptional circumstances, issues arising from such crises, and include them in its MYPOW. Furthermore, and even though it is important for the CFS to keep its medium and long term objectives, it should also be to able provide a timely and adapted response to the current and future crises.
6. With these comments, we endorse the Multi-Year Programme of Work for 2020-2023.

Thank you, Mr Chair.
