Statement of the Delegate of the Republic of Turkey

Recognizedly water and food are the two most fundamental basic needs of humans. Water is key to human food security and nutrition. Safe drinking water and sanitation are fundamental to the good nutrition and health, Also sufficient quantity and quality of water is essential for agricultural production and for the preparation and processing of food. On the other hand climate change will modify water availability and crops needs in both rainfed and irrigated systems. Agricultural water management will be key to adaptation to climate change.

In this sense Turkey highly appreciate all efforts for the placement of Thematic Groups and Activities in the context of need for knowledge and information sharing and best practices, as well, gathering about the current status of emerging food and nutrition issues especially related to water.

Finally, we believe that the whole of the documents regarding to the CFS 47th session especially "Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition" should be non-binding in nature and voluntary as its name implies.