

Statement by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Good afternoon Chair, CFS Members and our friends the Interpreters

The UK is very pleased that members have reached agreement on the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition. It is indeed a major milestone the CFS has reached in bringing member states together to collectively agree on the importance of sustainable food systems and healthy diets. Transforming food systems is crucial for tackling malnutrition, building resilience, meeting our climate and environment objectives, reducing poverty and achieving long-term prosperity. It is an urgent yet complex undertaking, and the negotiations and compromise reached reflect those complexities.

We would like to thank and congratulate the Chair of the Open Ended Working Group Ambassador Hans Hoogeveen for his leadership [throughout the many months of negotiations] in bringing often different views and positions together and forging a consensus.

We wish the CFS and member states great success in taking much needed action to move towards more sustainable food systems and healthy diets in the spirit of the Voluntary Guidelines.

Finally, we'd also like to wish the Ambassador of Argentina and the Team all the very best for Friday's World Pulses Day celebrations.

Thank you Chair.