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Morning session: **"Empowering Women and GIRLS AND PROMOTING Gender equality"**.

Thank you Mr. Chair,

Brazil would like to start by congratulating the tirelessly work and efforts of the co-chairs of this Gender work stream, Ms. Tanja Gren and Mr. Tomás Duncan. Their patient, dedicated and heartened work deserves our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

The delegation of Brazil attaches great importance to Gender Equality and Women's and Girls empowerment. For this reason, Brazil has actively engaged in the process, with a collaborative and consensus building spirit. The negotiations, though, proved to be challenging, due to diverse views on delicate topics.

By the end of the third round of negotiations and without a complete agreement on the final text of the guidelines, Brazil believes members may need more time to distil divergences that have risen during the process. Brazil is and remains committed to negotiate these guidelines in a constructive manner.

Brazil recognizes the transversality of women and girls' rights. Perceiving the multiple and intersecting layers of challenges faced by women and girls is essential for achieving sustainable development, eradicating poverty, hunger and malnutrition and to promoting social justice as well as food and nutrition security for all women and girls around the globe.

In Brazil, rural women are still the majority of those involved in agriculture, especially in family farming and small-scale agriculture. Since 2015, Brazil and FAO have partnered in the campaign "Rural Women, Women with Rights", focused on giving visibility to women who live and work in a context of structural inequalities and social, economic and environmental challenges.

Being aware of these challenges, Brazil develops public policies to reduce inequality and expand access to land, credit and technical assistance. Empowering rural woman also means promoting agricultural productivity and the country's growth.

Finally, Mr. Chair, and based on our traditional faith in multilateral dialogue, please rest assure that, if all Members decide to continue these negotiations, Brazil shall remain an active participant of the process. The aim must be to negotiate a consensual document that can promote the equality and empowerment of women and girls worldwide, with the utmost objective of guaranteeing that they overcome hunger, poverty and any other form of food insecurity.