

**Statement on behalf of the Government of  
the Republic of Indonesia**

**at**

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**AGENDA ITEM 3: EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS AND PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE PREPARATION OF THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION (for discussion)**

**Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,**

1. Indonesia attaches great importance of gender equality and women's and girls empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition.
2. However, today's reality is not very ideal. While women contribute more than 50 per cent of the food produced worldwide, ironically, they also account for 70 per cent of the world's hungry.
3. Therefore, voluntary international framework and policy recommendations such as draft Voluntary Guidelines on GEWGE will be crucial in mobilizing global efforts to address this issue.
4. We acknowledge that there was no agreement on draft Voluntary Guidelines on GEWGE received from the third round of Open-Ended Working Group on the 28th of July.

5. We also express regret at the lack of agreement on the gender concept, terminology, and development issue. We therefore recommend an open-ended intersessional group of friends of the Chair to be conducted in order to ensure the process will be transparent and members-driven and to discuss working methods on the way forward for VG GEWGE.
6. In this critical moment, countries need to focus more on how to step up its supporting programmes aimed at combating undernutrition in mothers, and to eliminate preventable mortality and morbidity of children under 5 years of age.
7. Countries should also mainstream a gender perspective in food security programmes and to take action to address inequality and discrimination against women and to ensure full and equal realization of the right to food.
8. Facilitation of access for smallholders' products to national and international markets and empowerment of small producers, particularly women, in value chains, is a key element for food security and the provision of the right to food.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.