

I have the honor to make a statement on behalf of Republic of Cuba, Russian Federation and our own (Republic of Belarus).

First of all, we'd like to thank CFS Chair for his commitment to the CFS mandate and wiliness to find the consensus in these very critical circumstances.

We were ready to continue our work and find a consensus on the paragraph j (iii) but unfortunately because of the position of a group of countries we came to a standstill.

The results of the voting on the amendment to this paragraph with the reference to sanctions show that there is no unanimity and single approach to the relations between sanctions and food security. It confirms that CFS should address the impact of unilateral coercive measures (sanctions and blockades) to the global food security and nutrition for all.

We underline that the Agenda 2030 adopted by consensus by all member states calls (I quote) that “States are strongly urged to refrain from promulgating and applying any unilateral economic, financial or trade measures not in accordance with the international law and the Charter of the United Nations that impede the full achievement of economic and social development, particularly in developing countries”.

We are strongly disappointed that some delegations do not have enough courage to address this issue even facing the current food crisis.

We hope the CFS High Level Panel of Experts will finally pay attention to the impact of the sanctions.