

## **50<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS50)**

### **Agenda Item IV: CFS Strategic Direction toward 2030; a) Critical, Emerging and Enduring Issues for Food Security and Nutrition**

#### **Statement by Japan**

Japan appreciates the preparation of the report titled "Critical, Emerging and Persistent Issues on Food Security and Nutrition." It is our understanding that the report will be used as a reference document in the future development of MYPoW from 2024 to 2027.

Of the seven key issues presented in the report, all of which are important. However, Japan would like to ask why the Secretariat has selected the one issue titled "Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation" and presented it as a proposed theme for the CFS-HLPE Report 2024. We would like to ask if there is any reason why the Secretariat has determined that it has a higher priority than the other key issues.

In addition, with this year designated as the "International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture", the importance of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture to global food security, nutrition, and livelihoods should be emphasized. The 10th anniversary of the "Policy Recommendations on Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture for Food Security and Nutrition" approved by CFS41 should be celebrated in 2024. Therefore, Japan believes the monitoring of the implementation of the Policy Recommendations should be included in the work schedule for the development of MYPoW 2024-2027.

Finally, Japan notes that in the key issue No.3 titled "Conflict and food system vulnerability", it is stated that "humanitarian short-term and emergency responses are extremely important, but they do not enable long-term peace and sustainable food system development". In providing assistances to vulnerable countries, in addition to short-term emergency humanitarian assistance, it is important to

promote their efforts at each stage of procurement, production, processing, distribution, and consumption, as well as to promote innovation in reducing environmental burdens from a medium- to long-term perspective in order to transform sustainable food systems. In particular, Japan would like to emphasize the importance of improving agricultural productivity and efficient use of fertilizers at the production stage under the current situation where food security is in a very serious condition.