



Key messages on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States
50th Committee on World Food Security
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Item IV b): CFS Strategic Direction Toward 2030 - Update of the Rolling Section of MYPoW 2020-2023

Madam/Mr Chair,

1. I am honoured to speak on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States.
2. Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine align themselves with this statement align themselves with this statement.
3. The ongoing global food and nutrition crises, rooted in structural issues such as climate change, conflict, poverty and limited investment in rural areas, are leading to the erosion of the livelihoods and resilience of the most vulnerable populations and communities. The situation is further exacerbated by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which is causing a persistent and increasing security crisis and political instability.
4. We believe the only way to overcome these global crises affecting all aspects of food systems, agriculture and nutrition is through a multilateral approach. The Covid-19 pandemic has shown us that it is only by working together that we can effectively address these issues. The current crisis is a chance for the international community to prove that we can respond in a collective manner and through solidarity, when the most vulnerable require it.
5. We would like to reinforce the role of the Committee on World Food Security and its Chair, which are due to the multistakeholder nature of the CFS well placed to deal with current food and nutrition crisis, since the Committee's main tasks include promoting policy convergence and coordinating actions at the international and regional levels. This implies that the CFS should be able to be reactive when unexpected global food crises occurs, as it has been the case with the Covid-19 and now with the war in Ukraine. The MYPoW should give space to offer enough flexibility to deal with such situations. In particular the HLPE should be able to meet and provide its analyses in such cases.
6. We fully support the requests of the Chair and the Secretariat, consistent with the CFS Resource

Mobilization and Outreach Strategies, to continue their efforts to expand and diversify the CFS financing base, including by reaching out to CFS Member States, private foundations, the private sector and financial institutions.

7. We commend the recently published HLPE 17 report on data collection and analysis tools for food security and nutrition, geared to enhancing effective, inclusive and evidence-based decision making.
8. Similarly, we support all the other substantive policy products on which the CFS has been working, including the Agroecological and other innovative approaches, Gender equality and women's empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition, and Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems. We welcome the CFS bureau's efforts to promote uptake of the CFS policy recommendations on Food price volatility and food security and on social protection and food security at the 51st session of the CFS.
9. We also consider the CFS's involvement in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well as in the follow-up to the United Nations Food Systems Summit to be crucial for the visibility of the Committee and its actions.

Thank you, Madam/Mr Chair.