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Morning session: "**Empowering Youth in Inclusive and Sustainable Food Systems**".

Mr. Chair,

Allow me to first thank ambassador Pio Wennubst, the Permanent Representative of Switzerland, the rapporteur of the Youth work stream, whom, together with his team and the Secretariat, conducted the negotiations in a very professional, firm and objective manner.

It is also worth mentioning the meaningful engagement of the various CFS stakeholders during this process. Notwithstanding some divergent views, Members, CSIPM, PSM and observers struggled for consensus in a committed and respectful way, which gracefully resulted in an agreed text.

The policy recommendations on "Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition" is an objective, yet dense document. The recommendations within it put Youth, especially those in vulnerable situations, in the center of the text. These propositions shall guide members and other stakeholders in fomenting the continuous participation of youth in agriculture and in agri-food systems.

Brazil is conscious about the pivotal importance of promoting initiatives and projects that encourage the engagement and employability of young people in agriculture, as well as those which promote their rights and encourage education, capacity building and training. As an example of what is already in place, allow me to mention a specific credit line from the National

Development Bank of Brazil designed especially for Youth, the "Youth Pronaf", which benefit individual and collective young family farmers.

All these measures are and will remain central not only to guarantee Youth's food security, but also to foment their increasing and active participation in agri-food systems.

Brazil has actively participated in the negotiation process and is now ready to endorse the document. We remain committed to promote and foment the continuous engagement of Youth in Agriculture, especially the dozens of millions of young Brazilians involved in our agri-food systems. We believe they are a central pillar if we want to achieve the sustainable development we all long for.

Thank you very much