

Statement of the Republic of the Philippines
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Honorable CFS Chairperson, Distinguished Delegates,

The Philippines appreciates the work of the High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) in preparing the report on data collection and analysis tools for food security and nutrition.

[We also welcome the nomination of XXX as the Rapporteur of the Policy Convergence Process, which will identify areas for policy convergence and agreement based on the HLPE Report and other relevant scientific sources.

The Philippines underscores the importance of the greater collection, analysis, and dissemination of data, disaggregated by sex and age, as well as the collection and analysis of gender statistics and statistical information on disabilities.

We recognize the importance of an inclusive process, open to all interested stakeholders, in particular governments, as well as civil society, the private sector, and academia, leading to the endorsement of an agreed set of CFS policy recommendations to be presented to the Committee for endorsement at CFS 51 in October 2023;

The Philippines concurs that Nations need to be supported to make appropriate food security and nutrition policy and program decisions by having ready access to global climate information, biosecurity information, high-quality data, appropriate analytical tools and capacity, science, and narratives on lessons learned, good practices, innovations, success stories, and impacts.

The Philippines, through its Interagency Committee on Agriculture and Fishery, ensures that data requirements to support the various information systems on food security are institutionalized and sustained. Thus, the Philippines actively engages in initiatives geared towards enhancing the availability and accessibility of food security-related information. In 2012, the Philippines, with support from the FAO, implemented the project Establishment of the Philippine Food Security Information System (PhilFSIS), an information system containing relevant, organized, timely, and accessible data related to food security.

Likewise, the Philippines continuously responds to its regular commitment to the ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS), which aims to strengthen food security in the region through the systematic collection, analysis, and dissemination of

food security-related information. The Philippines periodically submits to the AFSIS Secretariat data on the Agricultural Commodity Outlook (ACO) Report for rice, corn, sugarcane, cassava, and soybean.

Regarding data collection, the Philippines has redesigned its surveys to improve the reliability of official statistics on agriculture and fisheries at the national and provincial levels. Furthermore, trial surveys for all agricultural and fisheries are now being done before implementing Computer-Assisted Personal Interviews (CAPI). The adoption of CAPI makes data collection and survey results processing easier.

To expand the availability of necessary data sources for agriculture and fisheries statistics, the Philippine Statistics Authority is exploring Big Data, particularly remote sensing and earth observation data, to generate prediction maps to detect agricultural commodities.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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