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CFS Special Event

Highlights the VGs to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security.

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TIME: 10.00-13.00 (exact time to be advised)

LOCATION: FAO Headquarters, Rome

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Mr. Chairman, Your Excellencies, and esteemed colleagues,

On behalf of the Private Sector Mechanism, let me thank you for the opportunity to speak on this timely and important topic. Firstly, the PSM would like to note that violence and conflict are the main drivers of acute and chronic hunger, undermining people's agency and exacerbating poor FSN outcomes for the most vulnerable. Geopolitical interests often determine whether the impacts of conflict on FSN outcomes are exacerbated or ameliorated and reaffirming the right to food in all geopolitical conflicts can help reduce inequalities in FSN outcomes. The PSM supports the CFS Framework for Action for Food Insecurity in Protracted Crisis (CFS-FFA), which provides guidance on how to mitigate the threat to food security and nutrition and supports the progressive realization of the right to adequate food during protracted crises.

As a multi-stakeholder platform, the CFS is critical for food systems transformation and the PSM supports strengthening the CFS to continue to be an inclusive a platform to formulate policies that enhance FSN outcomes and to further engage in discussions around the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food.

Enhancing collaboration among food systems stakeholders including civil society; Indigenous Peoples; the private sector; academia; and Member States will enable inclusive participation and co-creation in knowledge generation, innovation, and technology which can improve FSN

outcomes resulting in the sustainable production and distribution of adequate food for the most vulnerable and marginalised people.

The PSM wishes to thank the CFS for their continued support in ensuring the Private Sector is engaged in CFS processes and we remain committed to ensuring that the CFS remains an effective UN platform to develop policies that advance the 2030 Agenda and eliminate hunger and malnutrition.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to take the floor Chair.