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Colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I. Einleitung

First of all, I would like to **congratulate** everyone involved, all of us, on the **Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment**.

- This **ambitious and complex policy product** has been jointly elaborated over the past two years – in a cross-border and cross-sectoral effort.
- This shows that the CFS is able to take action.
- It is a great success that the CFS is capable of, **for the first time, adopting policy approaches on gender equality at multilateral level**.

- While we advocated a more ambitious approach – the guidelines are an important step in the right direction and they address crucial aspects.
- They are also a good basis for future work on this central topic.
- If we are all willing to implement these guidelines, and to take them into consideration as a **guiding principle for the political, societal and economic spheres**, we will be able to make a significant difference and improve the current situation.
- Germany therefore counts on the **support of all stakeholders for the approval and adoption of the guidelines**.

II. Stärkung von Frauen und Mädchen

Empowering women and girls offers enormous potential and should simply be a matter of course.

- If half of all smallholder farmers benefited from development measures concentrated on strengthening women, the income of 58 million people would be significantly increased.
- The **resilience of another 235 million people would also be improved**.

- The guidelines set out approaches such as
 - **improving the food situation of women and girls,**
 - **their share in decision-making processes,**
 - **participation, including access** to land and education, to food and agricultural systems,
 - **protecting women from violence,**
 - and many others.

And these approaches are the prerequisites for development as a whole.

III. Schluss

There is a **tendency for women in food and agricultural systems to have marginalised roles**, the participatory and **working conditions for women are a lot worse** than for men.

- Let us strive to change that.
- **Let us jointly vote in favour of these voluntary guidelines** and let us face up to our responsibility of breathing life into them.
- Through our actions or inaction, we can make a difference.

- **Thank you!**