

## **MALAYSIA'S INTERVENTION**

### **AGENDA ITEM 6: LEVERAGING THE USE OF DATA FOR DRIVING FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION POLICY: ENDORSEMENT AND UPTAKE OF THE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON STRENGTHENING COLLECTION AND USE OF FSN DATA AND RELATED ANALYSIS TOOLS (FOR DECISION)**

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Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

Malaysia would like to extend its appreciation to the Chair and CFS for their effective leadership and facilitation in the development of CFS Policy Recommendations on Strengthening Collection and Use of Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Data, as well as all those who were involved in reaching consensus of this policy guidance. Malaysia is pleased to see that HLPE Report provides an excellent basis for the development of this voluntary policy.

Malaysia echoes the importance of capacity building, infrastructures and technologies development to ensure the sustainability and equity of FSN-data production cycle and analytic capacity for decision-making. Investment in human capital development needs to be well designed if they are to yield the highest return to the Member States and other relevant data stakeholders. By supporting national statisticians through financial and technical assistance from FAO and other national organizations, relevant training, ongoing education and targeted scholarship programmes, will not just enhance the national statistics' analytical competencies but will also assist to the progress of a modernized and sophisticated national statistics systems infrastructure. In this regard, Malaysia supports the expansion of such training through South-south and Triangular Cooperation for national statisticians including other data stakeholders such as farmers, fishers, small-holders and local communities.

Malaysia encourages FAO to ensure the FSN e-learning courses, materials, literacy tools, data platforms and analysis tools are available in all official FAO languages as much as possible to encourage the

dissemination of information for implementation at national level by Member States. Malaysia looks forward to the support of Rome-based Agencies and others as we endeavor to utilize these recommendations at the country level.

In this regard, Malaysia endorses these policy recommendations which provides a key, inter-governmentally agreed, voluntary, and non-binding global policy framework aiming to complement other CFS policy recommendations and guidelines.