**STATEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**
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**Agenda VI: Leveraging the Use of Data for Driving Food Security and Nutrition Policy (for decision)**
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Esteemed Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Colleagues and Delegates, warm greetings to all.

1. The Philippines is pleased with the adoption of CFS 2023/51/5 – "CFS Policy Recommendations on Strengthening Collection and Use of Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Data and Related Analysis Tools to Improve Decision Making in Support of the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security", in support of country-led efforts towards achieving food security and nutrition policies and actions.

2. We wish to thank the work of the open-ended working group, with the leadership of the Rapporteur, in arriving at these Policy Recommendations, which have been fundamentally informed by the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition's (HLPE-FSN) report on "Data Collection and Analysis Tools for Food Security and Nutrition." It was a privilege as well for the Philippines to have contributed to this work.

3. These inter-governmentally agreed Policy Recommendations are action-oriented, and while voluntary and non-binding, can serve as a useful global policy framework to leverage the use of data for driving food security and nutrition policy.
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4. The Philippines finds these Policy Recommendations generally aligned with and supportive of the Philippines' priorities as these aim to strengthen international, national and local efforts to enhance data collection and analytical tools critical in crafting well-informed and evidence based policies and programs that will help countries realize their respective food security outcomes and targets.

5. The Policy Recommendations can help raise awareness, increase effectiveness and mobilize action to prioritize enhancing data collection methods and tools, improving the capacity of national statistical systems, promoting the use of innovative technologies and strengthening coordination and partnerships among stakeholders.

6. An example of a fundamental recommendation which the Philippines appreciates is the discussion of the most effective means/platforms to disseminate the FSN data, such as for instance a one-stop shop platform, to facilitate creation for greater awareness and demand for better and easier use of FSN Data in decision making.

7. The Philippines will appreciate the assistance of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and Rome-based UN agencies in collaboration with international organizations in further strengthening its capacity to apply these policy recommendations in support of the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security.

8. The Philippines looks forward to the uptake of these "CFS Policy Recommendations on Strengthening Collection and Use of Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) Data and related Analysis Tools to Improve Decision Making in Support of the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security."

Thank you. END