



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States

51st Committee on World Food Security

‘Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition’

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Dear Chair,

1. I am honoured to speak on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States
2. Iceland, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, San Marino and Türkiye align themselves with this statement.
3. We congratulate the OEWG, you, Chair, and the CFS Secretariat for your mediation and leadership during the preparation of the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024-2027 and for the presentation of the final version and draft decisions.
4. We duly endorse the MYPoW. We particularly appreciate the outline of the three roles of the CFS: to develop policy guidance, to serve as a platform and to foster the uptake of existing CFS policy products and related activities. We look forward to supporting the CFS’ activities in these areas.
5. Chair, as you have outlined, evidence from the HLPE report on ‘Critical, emerging and enduring issues for food security and nutrition’, presented in 2022, has played a crucial role in the identification of cross-cutting focus areas and priority thematic workstreams.
6. We recognise the need for enhanced coordination in the face of rising levels of food insecurity and malnutrition, in order to address root causes, maximise synergies and ensure efficient use of resources. The workstreams retained will focus on addressing the root causes of food insecurity and malnutrition in all its forms in a context of sustainable food system transformation.

7. We reiterate our support for the CFS as the foremost inclusive, international and intergovernmental platform providing policy recommendations and voluntary guidelines that are critical to supporting national and regional efforts towards the progressive realisation of the right to adequate food.
8. In particular, we encourage the CFS to engage with RBAs and other partners and stakeholders to ensure effective uptake of the workstreams, and we call on the RBAs, including in cooperation with the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, to create space in their governing body deliberations for CFS matters and to demonstrate their ownership by providing continued financial and in-kind support to the CFS Secretariat.
9. In a context of global and simultaneous food crises, which are mutually exacerbating, we encourage the CFS to enhance its interactions with relevant processes, initiatives and institutions, including with the three Rio Conventions, the wider UN system and other international organisations, in order to identify potential partnerships and synergies and maximise efficiency and effectiveness, using future CFS policy products to give added value to existing evidence and guidance from other forums, in order to support national and regional efforts towards the progressive realisation of the right to adequate food.

Thank you, Chair.
