

France – Comments on the Zero Draft of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food systems and nutrition – 30 May 2019

Chapter II

→ We would like to see added a definition of systemic food assistance.

Chapter III

1. We reiterate our comment on the consideration of **sustainability issue in all its dimensions** (social, economic, environmental), which remains insufficient. The narrowness of the linkages between health / nutrition impact and environmental impact need to be more apparent, especially since the language of the paragraph "climate change adaptation and mitigation" (**43. i.**) has been attenuated and remains very generic and partly confused. We call the text as it was in the preliminary version.

2. the notion of '**decent income for producers**' is overlooked in the document.

Para 36: we would like to insert a reference to the drivers as defined in the para 24

Para 41: very positive paragraph, we like the reference to cross-cutting factors

Para 43.a): we suggest the following language 'adopting environmental friendly approaches, such as agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems'

Para 43h): investment in research to understand and analyse the functioning of food systems should also appear somewhere.

Para 44.b): 'food safety is a critical piece from production to distribution': all the steps of the value chain should be taken into account

Para 44, new c): we would like to add a new paragraph on 'Look at urban/rural linkages and territorial approaches to improve distribution systems'

Para 45.a): we would like to add a new sentence at the end of the paragraph: 'avoiding potential risks for human and environmental health related to food processing practices should systemically be central '

Para 45.b): we need to be more general and not to focus only on the trans fats

Para 45, new c): we would like to add a new paragraph on 'Sustainable packaging' (environmental aspects are insufficiently taken into account)

Para 48.a): we would like to enlarge this paragraph which would focus on 'territorial food planning' and include three subparagraphs

Para 53.b): even if biofortification is an important tool, it should represent only one solution among others and should be adapted to specific contexts.

Para 55.c): we would like to stress that food education should include **sensory education and nutrition education.**