

Observations to Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems for Nutrition (VGFSyN) - Draft for Negotiations

by the R.B of Venezuela.

Thank you for the presentation of the document, in this regard we would like to request that in paragraph 9, regarding the background and introduction of the Voluntary Guidelines, will be incorporated the effects that unilateral coercive measures exert on the right to food, food security and nutrition;

We suggest the following text:

*9. Complex and prolonged crises also have immediate and long-term negative consequences for the nutritional status of the affected populations, particularly pregnant and breastfeeding women and children under five. Conflicts, **unilateral coercive measures imposed on countries**, fragility and susceptibility to natural disasters, pose a significant global threat not only for the functioning of food systems and their ability to provide sustainable and healthy diets, but also to the execution of the 2030 Agenda as a whole.*

Justification:

1. The Human Rights Council at its 40th session approved the resolution contained in document A/HRC/RES/40/3 on “The negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights”.
2. The Resolution emphasizes that unilateral coercive measures and legislation are contrary to international law, international humanitarian law, the United Nations Charter and the norms and principles governing peaceful relations among States, and insists that, in the long term, such measures can cause social problems and raise humanitarian difficulties in the States to which they apply.
3. It’s an agreement of the UN text.