

## **Zero Draft CFS contribution to the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)**

Brazil welcomes and thanks you for your willingness in stepping up to lead the preparation of the CFS Chairperson's Summary, the CFS contribution to the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2022.

As in previous years, as this contribution does not constitute a negotiated text, we favor the CFS Chair approach of producing a Summary of the activities of the Committee based upon consensus and agreed-language. In this sense, we welcome and support the references in the Draft Summary of CFS policy products and Governing Bodies' Reports.

Nevertheless, we understand that the format chosen for the Draft Summary, of selecting, sorting and arranging, in a specific order, paragraphs originating in different documents, does not constitute a best practice and might occasionally lead to text with diverging meanings from those in their original documents. In this sense, this practice of text compilation should not be encouraged.

Brazil favors that the intense work of the CFS in its policy products be represented, taking into account their unity and entirety, in its contribution to the HLPF, without risking losing context or compromising their original and consensuated meaning. For this aim, we propose the inclusion in the Draft Summary of the whole document of the CFS VGFSyN - the most extensive policy product negotiated within the CFS in recent times -, which, due to its encompassing nature, deals directly with the SDGs under progress review and with the theme of the HLPF 2022.

In addition, the nature of the document - a CFS Chairperson's Summary - is not clear in the Draft Summary. In this sense, we understand that, for clarity purposes, the nature of this contribution should be well established in the text. We propose the inclusion of the following text to specify the title "Chairperson's Summary":

"This Chairperson's Summary was not negotiated by CFS members and stakeholders through a formal policy convergence process and, therefore, cannot be considered a negotiated CFS Text that represents the viewpoint of all CFS Stakeholders."

With reference to the proposed "placeholder for bullet points" (page 3), Brazil understands that this paragraph is out of tune with the rest of the document - which is constituted essentially of agreed-language - and could potentially give margin to text or activities and actions which do not represent CFS stakeholders' consensus, and, therefore, should not be included in a Chairperson's Summary. For these reasons, we ask for the deletion of this part of the Draft Summary.