



## Switzerland – written feedback on new paragraphs

RATIONAL AFTER PARA 1 - **NEW PARA:** “Gender norms often further limit young women’s access to and use of productive resources, and expose them to discrimination, violence and harassment in labor markets. Child, early and forced marriage and unions undermine children’s development and well-being and decrease young women’s agricultural productivity over time. Lack of childcare options also compels many young women to leave the labor force.]”

**COMMENT SWITZERLAND:** We can support the integration of Gender-related paragraph in the Rational.

RATIONAL AFTER PARA 4 - **NEW PARA:** “The High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) report, *Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems (2021)*, informs these policy recommendations According to the HLPE report, achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals should facilitate transitions toward economies of well-being, based on sustainable food systems that enable dignified livelihoods, promote a healthy environment, and uphold the right to food and food sovereignty. Furthermore, the report emphasizes that significant efforts for the redistribution of power are needed to transform existing social, political and economic relationships and conditions within and across countries, as barriers for youth in access to resources, education and dignified work are often the results of inadequate legal frameworks and insufficient domestic and international resource mobilization and commitment.]”

**[ALT NEW PARA:** “The High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) report, *Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems (2021)*, informs these policy recommendations. [The report recommended actions that require states, civil society, farmers’ and workers’ organizations, the private sector, social movements, and youth themselves to work together with the aim to realize a fundamental transformation of food systems towards sustainability, well-being and food sovereignty.]]”

**COMMENT SWITZERLAND:** We support referencing in the Rational that the HLPE Report informs these policy recommendations. The HLPE Report on “Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems” was requested by the CFS Plenary. As per the CFS Reform Document (CFS:2009/2 Rev. 2), the HLPE Report provides reports for inter-sessional purposes and therefore are the basis for CFS’s policy convergence processes. After heard other delegations during the first round of negotiation, in order to keep the text short and concise, and in accordance with the CFS Reform Document, we suggest the following wording and would prefer this wording to the above paragraphs: “*The High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) report, Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems (2021), informs these policy recommendations.*”

SECTION 1 – AFTER 1G) – **NEW PARA:** “Establish feedback mechanisms with youth participants, in order to continually ensure meaningful character of participation and further improvements of participation form, as well as to provide participants with feedback of how their input was advanced.]”



**COMMENT SWITZERLAND:** In principle, we support this paragraph. However, we believe that it might need some further clarification (participation in what?) and the content might be covered in other paragraphs (e.g. RATIONAL, Para 2, Participation in decision-making processes).

SECTION 2 – AFTER 2H) - **NEW PARA:** “*Strengthen the regulatory framework conditions for financial institutions (banks, non-banking financial institutions, fintechs, insurance companies) serving rural clients with a focus on youth, and pursue the promotion of appropriate de-risking mechanisms, specifically for youth-led and youth-focused farmers and producer organizations, in a way that will reduce their borrowing costs, make their cash flows more predictable for financial institutions, improve their creditworthiness and facilitate their access to loan markets.*”

**COMMENT SWITZERLAND:** This is a Swiss Proposal. However, in Paragraph 3d) there is already language highlighting de-risking mechanism for lending and borrowing costs. Therefore, and in order to keep the Policy Recommendation short and concise, we would like to withdraw from its inclusion.

SECTION 3 – AFTER 3B) – **NEW PARA:** “*Establish legal frameworks at national and regional levels that recognise and compensate for ecosystem services provided by farmers that are restoring biodiversity, soil and water health and producing more highly nutritious and diversified food products; (#Ecosystem services)*”

**COMMENT SWITZERLAND:** We generally support this paragraph and support the principles that incentives for ecosystem services are an important concept. This is for two reasons: On the one hand, to give young people a reward for the special effort of protecting ecosystem services and, on the other hand, to protect the production bases of the future so that young people can continue to be involved in agriculture in the future. However, we would suggest to make the wording more youth-centered and change “establish legal frameworks” with “develop [or support] regulatory measures”. The NEW PARA would read: “**Develop regulatory measure establish legal frameworks** at national and regional levels that recognise and compensate for ecosystem services provided by **[youth-led and youth-focused farms]** farmers that are restoring biodiversity, soil and water health and producing more highly nutritious and diversified food products; (#Ecosystem services)”

SECTION 3 – AFTER 3i) – **NEW PARA:** “*Develop partnership mechanisms between cooperatives, financial institutions, and governments to provide streamlined assistance services that can provide a full range of financial, business and farming advice to young farmers and young agricultural entrepreneurs across the entire supply and value chain; (#Productive partnerships)*”

**COMMENT SWITZERLAND:** We suggest formulating this paragraph more generally to emphasise the importance of partnerships in the spirit of SDG17 and to move this



paragraph to the RATIONAL Section, as strong partnerships are important for all five sections, e.g. for Research, Markets, livelihood, etc.

SECTION 3 – AFTER 3i) – **NEW PARA:** *“Encourage and promote youth entrepreneurship by creating favourable environments for them to formalize their businesses by reducing bureaucratic and financial barriers and through tax exemption or reduction policies for first time agri-entrepreneurs and simplified registration procedures by digitising the process (#Simplified processes)”*

**COMMENT SWITZERLAND:** We believe that this paragraph can be merged with Para 2h) on Formalisation, in order to keep the length and content of the document short and concise.

SECTION 4 – AFTER 4B) - **NEW PARA:** *“Support education on rural family succession, encouraging the exchange of best practices between countries.”*

**COMMENT SWITZERLAND:** We believe that this paragraph can be merged with Para 1b) or 3b), as both paragraphs make reference to successional planning and in order to keep the length and content of the document short and concise.

SECTION 4 – AFTER 4E) - **NEW PARA:** *“Innovation can help unlock new opportunities for youth to engage profitably in agriculture and supporting markets and secure decent livelihoods for them and their families. Farming and other work in agriculture and food systems must be profitable to entice youth to the profession and safeguard the sustainability of agriculture for future generations.”*

**COMMENT SWITZERLAND:** We believe that this new paragraph could help to strengthen the language of innovation in the RATIONAL, as innovation – similar to partnerships – englobes all Sections and could be added to Para 2 of the Rational (at the end).