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Message from Ambassador Pio Wennubst, Rapporteur of the CFS policy convergence process on Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems

In preparation for the upcoming round of negotiations on 4-6 July, it is my pleasure to present a revised version of the CFS Policy Recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems. The revised draft includes Rapporteur's Proposals on the Rationale, as well as Sections 1,2 and 5. They were prepared on the basis of comments received during the first reading, bearing in mind the need to keep the document concise, concrete, ambitious and actionable.

As you may recall, sections 3 and 4 include Rapporteur's Proposals that were already discussed in the second reading. In July, after finishing the second reading, we will address text in squared brackets with a view to reaching consensus.

As far as new paragraphs are concerned, in some cases, the Rapporteur's Proposal is not to retain them due to the fact that the proposed matters are already addressed elsewhere in the document, whereas in others a reformulated version is suggested.

While it is never easy to accommodate multiple and sometime opposing requests, I trust that you will appreciate the efforts made in the preparation of this document and be ready to continue this negotiation with the constructive attitude that has characterized the process so far.

Despite our collective efforts, should we still face difficulties in reaching consensus, I might call for informal groups to meet in the early morning, lunch or evening breaks to address specific controversial matters and come back to the Plenary with a shared proposal.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate that our work is relevant for the lives of millions of young people across the world; our policy recommendations can make a difference in promoting change in diverse and sometimes vulnerable contexts. We share a big responsibility to produce a unifying policy agreement on the role of youth in agriculture and food systems and I am sure we will collectively be up to the task ahead of us.

I am looking forward to be able to finally see you in person in July and to continuing working together.

Ambassador Pio Wennubst

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