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

Following the Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) meeting held on 19 November 2021 and the call for inputs on policy priority areas, I am pleased to share the Zero Draft of the CFS Policy Recommendations on Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems. In line with the workplan agreed by the Bureau, the Zero Draft will be made available in all official languages on 10 February.

The policy recommendations mirror the structure of the five main policy areas identified by the HLPE. They are preceded by a *rationale* section, which draws upon the terms of reference for this workstream as presented in the CFS 2020-2023 Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) and focuses on the intended users of the policy guidance tool.

Faithful to the intended nature of this policy convergence exercise to produce a “focused, action-oriented document”, the proposed policy recommendations are drafted in a concise manner and seek to be useful and applicable to policy makers while addressing the needs of implementers. Each recommendation is followed by the insertion of a thematic label with the purpose of enhancing clarity and readability, as well as promoting youth mainstreaming across sectors.

I would like to invite your written feedback on the Zero Draft by 18 March. In this regard, I would kindly ask you to be as specific as possible in your comments and suggestions, bearing in mind the Committee’s request for practical focus. The call for feedback, together with the next OEWG meeting scheduled for Monday 14 March (14:00 – 17:00), will represent an important milestone into the preparation of the First Draft to be negotiated later this year.

I take this opportunity to thank all CFS stakeholders who have been contributing with their inputs so far and look forward to a fruitful exchange on 14 March.

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