

ARGENTINE INTERVENTION

“FIRST MEETING OF THE OEWG ON DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS TOOLS” – CFS

Thank you for giving me the floor.

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Anthony Murithii for assuming the position of Rapporteur for this policy convergence process on “*Data Collection and Analysis Tools for Food Security and Nutrition*” within the Committee on World Food Security. In this sense, rest assured that Argentina is deeply committed to collaborating and cooperating with you and your team to achieve a significant final document.

Secondly, in terms of preliminary comments, Argentina would like to briefly underline the following elements:

a.- From our perspective, it would be fundamental to clearly establish the limits and scope of this document. In an initial phase of work, bearing in mind the amplitude of data applications and implications, it will be necessary to distinguish considerations related to data in the context of food security and nutrition from assessments and debates on the general usage of data that, precisely, are under the mandates of other Agencies and Organizations of the UN system.

b.- On this note, for instance, Argentina understands that the inclusion of topics connected to data governance, SDG indicators, determination of global legal frameworks, the establishment of data trusts, and the potential creation of definitions on the normative nature of data would be an incorrect and inappropriate pathway of work since those subjects far exceed the competence of this Committee. Instead, we should concentrate our efforts on addressing data in the context of food security and nutrition.

c.- In parallel, we would like to insist on the importance of utilizing multilaterally agreed language and concepts when designing the draft document for negotiation. Based on previous experiences, we believe that facilitating a common and clear-cut understanding of the conceptual approach of the text will path the way for a smooth process.

d.- Equally, as sustained in other negotiations, Argentina firmly believes that it will be uncondusive to promote “one-size-fits-all” visions within this

document since the nuances of national contexts, capacities, priorities, and necessities must be introduced along this set of policy recommendations if we want to achieve a comprehensive and meaningful text. Subsequently, we understand that subjects concerning access to fair financing and investments, capacity building, technological transfer, and the right to development should be properly addressed and discussed throughout this process.

e.- From a technical point of view, we considerate that it will be critical to guide the document in order to encourage the production, availability, and access to data related to food security and nutrition without disregarding the focus on ensuring the protection of data, privacy rights, and intellectual property rights not only to custody users' concerns but to avoid conflict of interests.

f.- Finally, regarding the structure of the process, and as recognized during the CFS 50, we would like to recall the importance of fostering inclusive, open, and transparent negotiations, in the 6 UN official languages, to permit broad participation of governments and interested stakeholders since, this approach, will contribute to the enrichment of the debates and, thus, will reinforce the quality of the final document.

Mr. Rapporteur, with these provisional comments, we would like to reassure you of our deep willingness to actively engage during the upcoming negotiations, as well as our desire to further contribute to consolidating a robust set of policy recommendations.

Thank you.