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FIRST CFS OEWG ON DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS TOOLS

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Thank you, Anthony, our dear Rapporteur.

Congratulations on your appointment and we believe that under your facilitation we will achieve the outcome that we all desire.

I would like to join others in wishing you all a very happy new year.

Well, today's meeting is intended to respond among others the core question: which priority issues should be addressed in the policy recommendation.

I notice that almost all recommendation proposed by panel of experts are in line UN Secretary General Data Strategy and Roadmap for Digital Cooperation, including among others on digital collaboration, digital public goods, and digital inclusion.

Allow me to share our opinions in two folds: First, on substantive aspects, and the second is on procedural one.

Now, on substantive aspects first:

- **First, we would like to see that the policy recommendation promotes more digital transformation by finding the right balance between *protecting the privacy and confidentiality* of agricultural data, and farmers' economic interests in those data, while making it possible to leverage their potential for sector's growth and innovation, in line with the rights to development.**
- **Second, to put emphasis on Data Neutrality, meaning the importance of data to be interpreted in a neutral way so as to avoid politicization of data. Especially when the data comes from the FAO, it should be as neutral as possible. It should collected and presented according to its mandate as UN specialized agency. This is why the presentation of the data should be technical, impartial and comprehensive.**
- **Third, promote more commitment to develop digital infrastructure, be it hard or soft infrastructure.**
- **Fourth, promote linkages between existing CFS products with this recommendation and promote interoperability.**
- **Fifth, how to make strong linkages of South-South and Triangular Cooperation in the context of this policy recommendation, for example with regard to digital capacity building and digital inclusion.**

On procedural/technical note:

- **First,** we would like to see a short, concise, and concrete policy recommendation, by avoiding any repetition and duplication not only from other UN processes, but also within the management of this policy recommendation itself.
- **Second,** we support the use of multilaterally agreed language in particular in the formulation of policy recommendation and in resolving the sticky issues during negotiation.
- **Third,** we need to focus more on the comparative advantage or the value added of the policy recommendation to avoid duplication of other processes, and we also agree with what has been said by Chief Economist Mr. Maximo Torero about *"closing the gap and complementing policies with regard to data related to agriculture and food security"* and make sure that the policy recommendation is user-friendly and useful to end users: farmers and smallholders.

Thank you.