

PSM statement at DATA OEWG

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Thank you chair, and good afternoon distinguished colleagues

It is my pleasure to take the floor on behalf of the Private Sector Mechanism, and member of the Technical Task Team. Please accept these preliminary comments, which will be supplemented and provided in writing.

The TTT had a complex task and under the Secretariat's coordination, and Ms Kepple's expertise, we believe we have a document which is a good start of the policy convergence process.

However, as we have stated previously and as others have also noted today, we urge the CFS secretariat to focus on concrete recommendations and those topic areas which fall within its mandate and do not overlap or duplicate discussions occurring in other fora by the same Member States participating in this current process. We also agree with the importance of further reflecting the farmers' voice throughout the document and can provide that insight.

We hear members repeat concerns that have been shared previously and we do not want this to set up this policy convergence process towards failure. As our Rapporteur has highlighted, the topic at hand is simply too important to not provide full, unequivocal support by all Members and stakeholders.

By focusing on the appropriate scope, the CFS can provide deeper, more concrete and actionable recommendations for its members. We hear calls for greater emphasis on the capacity of actors to collect, analyze, monitoring, implementation, etc.

We stand ready provide our perspective at that level, highlighting what is working, what is needed in order to make further gains and respond to data gaps. Greater data prioritization is certainly key.

We thank you for this opportunity.

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