

**“VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN’S AND GIRLS’
EMPOWERMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION
Comments received after the OEWG meeting of 7 March 2023**

NEW ZEALAND

“We want to submit our support for these important guidelines being completed and reiterate that the circulated draft is already a considerable compromise and we would not want to see any weakening of the language from that in the draft circulated.

We want to support a focus on sexual and gender-based violence rather than the sub-area of violence against women and girls and we support the reference to SGBV, online (or technology-facilitated GBV) and offline as per paragraph 98 (ii).

We also endorse the reference in the Guidelines to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights (SRHR) as per paragraphs 7 and 82.”