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Following the Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) meeting held on 23 January 2024 and the call for inputs on policy priority areas, I am pleased to share the Zero Draft of the CFS Policy Recommendations on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition. In line with the workplan agreed by the Bureau, the Zero Draft will be made available in all official languages by 25 March.

The policy recommendations mirror the structure of the four main policy areas discussed in the first OEWG meeting and incorporate comments and suggestions received from CFS stakeholders. They are preceded by a rationale section, which draws upon the terms of reference for this workstream as presented in the CFS 2024-2027 Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW).

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 focus and readability.

I would like to invite your written feedback on the Zero Draft by 12 April. In this regard, I would kindly ask you to be as specific as possible in your comments and suggestions and to provide concrete text proposals, bearing in mind the Committee’s request for practical focus. The call for feedback, together with the next OEWG meeting scheduled for 12 April, 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, as well as the members of the Technical Task Team from FAO, IFAD and WFP for their support on the preparation of the Zero Draft.

I look forward to a fruitful exchange on 12 April.

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