

# **China's Preliminary Inputs on Priority Issues to be Considered in the Zero Draft of the CFS Policy Recommendations on Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition**

The Permanent Representation of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture appreciates the outstanding work of the team of the HLPE-FSN for producing the professional and insightful report on “Reducing Inequalities for Food Security and Nutrition”, which serves as a robust foundation for formulating policy recommendations.

The Representation also commends the contribution of the Permanent Representation of Brazil to FAO, WFP and IFAD, particularly highlighting the exceptional dedication of Ms. Lara Lobo Monteiro as the Rapporteur for this workstream. To facilitate the process, our delegation wishes to offer the following comments:

Firstly, we emphasize the importance of the CFS learning from past experiences and maintaining a focus on its core mandate concerning food and nutrition.

Secondly, we request a draft that employs multilaterally agreed concepts and languages, or alternatively, provides clear definitions for new terms that are universally acceptable to all parties, particularly languages related to human rights.

Third, we hope the document to consider diverse circumstances and developmental stages of all countries, and give more valuable guidance to developing countries, especially the least developed countries (LDCs), landlocked developed countries (LLDCs), and small island developing states (SIDS), and also to the small-scale farmers, among other vulnerable communities, through international cooperation such as knowledge sharing and capacity building.

Fourth and finally, with regard to a specific recommendation under “B Tackle inequalities in related systems,” as outlined in paragraph 6 (v), “Continue efforts to decrease subsidies on agricultural production in high-income and emerging countries, except those aiming to enhance the nutritional or environmental qualities of food production and to reduce FSN inequalities, so as to level the playing field for LMICs.” We believe that such continued efforts should be first made in the discussion before implementation and should strictly adhere to the established rules of the World Trade Organization. It is imperative that the subsidies in question be explicitly identified as those distorting market and trade.