MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee:

a) Considers the outcomes, as outlined in the Chair’s Summary, of the High-Level Forum on Connecting Smallholders to Markets which brought together a wide range of stakeholders to discuss policy implications, challenges and lessons learned from concrete examples of how farmers engaged in beneficial and sustainable linkages to markets, with a view to reaching a common understanding on areas for priority action to strengthen smallholder access to markets;

b) Notes that the High-Level Forum highlighted the need for support by public institutions, family farming organizations, civil society, private sector and donor partners to connect smallholders to markets;

c) Welcomes that a proposal for follow-up actions to be undertaken by CFS is presented for approval within the context of the Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2016-2017.