



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

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"Making a Difference in Food Security and Nutrition"

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DRAFT DECISION - CONNECTING SMALLHOLDERS TO MARKETS

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

CFS 2016/43/4 "Draft decision – Connecting Smallholders to Markets" and CFS 2016/43/5 "Connecting Smallholders to Markets – Recommendations" presented by Ms Anna Gebremedhin (Finland), Chair of the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) on Smallholders.

The Committee:

- a) expresses its appreciation for the work of the OEWG on Connecting Smallholders to Markets;
- b) endorses document CFS 2016/43/5 "Connecting Smallholders to Markets – Recommendations", noting these recommendations are voluntary and non-binding;
- c) encourages all stakeholders to disseminate the recommendations among their constituencies at the local, national, regional and global levels, and make use of and support the application of them when formulating strategies, policies and programmes concerning connecting smallholders to markets;
- d) encourages all stakeholders to document experiences and lessons from using these recommendations and requests the CFS Monitoring OEWG to organize a stock-taking event in a future CFS Plenary Session, subject to available resources, to share lessons and assess the continued relevance, effectiveness and the use of the recommendations;
- e) Invites all stakeholders to facilitate follow-up by mapping, assessing and promoting exchange of experience in some key areas, such as methodologies for data collection, food safety and public procurement programmes;

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- f) decides to transmit these recommendations to the Governing Bodies of FAO, WFP and IFAD for their consideration, pursuant to Rule XXXIII, paragraph 17, of the General Rules of the Organization and Rule X, paragraph 1, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and in accordance with paragraph 22 of the CFS Reform Document;
- g) decides to request the United Nations General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, to consider, endorse and ensure the wide dissemination of these recommendations to all relevant UN Organizations and Agencies, consistent with Rule XXXIII, paragraph 15, of the General Rules of the Organization, Rule X, paragraph 4, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and paragraph 21 of the CFS Reform Document;
- h) agrees to include these recommendations in the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (GSF).