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ERC/20/INF/13 – Update of the Vision and Strategy for FAO’s work in Nutrition

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Switzerland (received 25 Oct 19:49)	ERC/20/INF/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We welcome the Update of the Vision and Strategy for FAO’s work in Nutrition, which is very comprehensive and recognizes the crucial role of nutrition for sustainable food systems.• Switzerland would like to make two comments:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We note that the document focuses on healthy diets. This is very important, in particular for individuals. However, it is not enough in the face of today’s challenges humanity is confronted with. Diets need to be healthy for the individual, the society and for the planet. We propose therefore to refer to “sustainable and healthy diets” throughout the document and we see our region taking a leading role in sustainable nutrition.2. In addition, we suggest to incorporate food safety in the document. Food safety is a prerequisite for nutrition. Otherwise, the consumption of contaminated food will lead to food-borne diseases, which will negatively affect the consumer's health. Unsafe food is no food. We are therefore of the view that food safety should be explicitly included in the updated “Vision and Strategy for FAO’s Work in Nutrition” with the relevant definition from the Codex Alimentarius: “Food safety is the assurance that food will not cause harm to the consumer when it is prepared and/or eaten according to its intended use.” Codex General Principles of Food Hygiene CAC/RCP 1-1969• Thank you, Chair.