

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE  
ELABORATION OF A SET OF VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES TO  
SUPPORT THE PROGRESSIVE REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT TO  
ADEQUATE FOOD IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL FOOD  
SECURITY**

**First Session**

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**SUPPLEMENT TO SYNTHESIS REPORT OF SUBMISSIONS  
RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS**

**Introduction**

The Secretariat was requested to produce a summary of written and verbal submissions to the IGWG subsequent to the written submissions used to prepare the Synthesis Report. When reviewing these submissions<sup>1</sup> and the debate held on 24 March 2003 it was found that the majority of issues raised had already been dealt with in the Synthesis Report. It was thus decided that this Supplement to the Synthesis Report would highlight issues not included or insufficiently emphasized in the Synthesis Report. The structure and numbering of this Supplement follows the one used in the Synthesis Report.

**III. Scope**

A definition of the right to adequate food should be provided under this heading.

The right to adequate food should also encompass the right to safe drinking water and the right to water for irrigation.

**V.1 A holistic approach**

Paragraph 19 should address the issue of nutritional well-being as a related, but more encompassing issue and ultimate goal.

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<sup>1</sup> Members: Benin, Mali, Switzerland Annex, Uganda; Observers: Coopération internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité, FIMARC, International Food Policy Research Institute, Joint-North South Civil Society Contribution Annex, UN Standing Committee for Nutrition.

The need to take special account of smallholder producers was stressed.

The same paragraph should also mention the importance of protecting agrobiodiversity (as provided for in the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture) for the realization of the right to adequate food.

### **V.3 Inclusive national strategies**

Paragraph 23 bullet point six should also mention the vulnerable groups.

The importance of analyzing thoroughly the causes of food insecurity was stressed.

A new bullet point should be included that mentions the need for research.

### **V.6 Best practices**

The importance of identifying best practices was stressed.

## **VI. Situations of Conflicts**

The Guidelines should stress the need to prevent conflict.

### **A new item (X.)**

should be introduced that suggests to submit the Guidelines to the General Assembly of the United Nations for approval.