CFS Policy Convergence Process on Sustainable Agricultural Development and Livestock

Comments from Uruguay

Concerning the HLPE report on "Sustainable agricultural development for food security and nutrition: what roles for livestock", we are pleased to send the following remarks:

- Regarding the sentence "medical consensus on the recommendation to reduce the consumption
 of red meat....", it seems more appropriate to stress the need "to consume adequate amounts of
 red meat" (just like any other product).
- On livestock, it seems inappropriate to use wording which countries commit to emite fewer
 greenhouse gases. Adecuate wording should be sought to establish the possibility of reduced
 amount of gas per unit of product (ie, kilo of meat)
- For example, on page 6, paragraph 26, and page 11, paragraph 13, a) instead of saying "reduce greenhouse gas" it could look for wording such as "to reduce gas emissions per unit of output". Note that a growing world population probably requires a greater absolute amount of meat (since the population to reach adequate levels in their diet); therefore it will be more meat production, which could result in higher absolute emissions. However, what is relevant in this context is that for every kilo of meat produced fewer gases are emitted. And this is what we can commit as a country.