Terms of Reference for the CFS Chairperson

a) Play a key political and strategic role in support of CFS activities towards the achievement of its vision and objectives, dealing with all the relevant actors involved in the process, facilitating discussions on relevant issues, after clearance and in full agreement with the Bureau in consultation and in agreement with the Bureau;

b) When invited, represent CFS and promote its model and agreed outcomes in appropriate political fora, including the governing bodies of the Rome-based Agencies, contributing to keep food security and nutrition high in the global political agenda;

c) Advocate for the consideration of CFS policy outcomes by decision and policy-makers and collaborate with Member Countries, RBAs and other relevant stakeholders, to find opportunities to raise awareness and disseminate the outcomes of the work carried out by the Committee, including in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals;

d) Support outreach activities carried out by CFS stakeholders, taking into account available resources and the guiding principle that communication about CFS is responsibility of all CFS Members and Participants, supported by the communication function in the CFS Secretariat;

e) Provide leadership in intersessional work through supporting the OEWG Chairpersons and policy processes Rapporteurs.

f) Play a leadership role in intersessional work towards facilitating dialogue and reaching consensus among CFS stakeholders, and perform the tasks established by the CFS plenary;

f) Preside over meetings of the Committee, the Bureau, which represents the membership of CFS, and the joint meetings with the Advisory Group;

g) Work in collaboration with the CFS Secretariat and meet regularly with the CFS Secretary to get updates on the implementation of the technical work carried out by the team, as well as discuss ways the Chair could provide support to the successful implementation of the activities agreed upon in the MYPoW, in consultation with the Bureau;

h) When needed, meet with the principals of the three Rome-based Agencies to provide updates on the work of the Committee;

Letter i: Actively engage in finding ways to expand the CFS funding base from membership of all regional groups and other stakeholders, mainly through…for the Committee.” We also propose an additional short sentence reading: The Chair will make his/her outmost effort to mobilize financial support from his/her country, in the spirit of being followed by other members States."  

Contribute to finding ways to expand the CFS funding base from membership and other stakeholders, mainly through political support and advocacy, in light of the development and implementation of the resource mobilization strategy for the Committee.