I. OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Produce “a reference document that provides guidance mainly to governments, as well as to their partners and other stakeholders, on appropriate policies, investments and institutional arrangements needed to address the key causes of malnutrition in all its forms for the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security and the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 2” – from paragraph 7 of the TORs for the Preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition.

II. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

“Present a set of guidelines that contribute to improving food systems and make them more sustainable to ensure that the diets needed for optimal nutrition are available, affordable, acceptable, safe and of adequate quantity and quality which conform with the beliefs, culture and tradition of individuals” – from paragraph 8 of the TORs for the Preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition.

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The Committee:

a) Expressed its appreciation for the work of the OEWG on Nutrition and acknowledged the effective leadership of its previous Chair, Mr Khaled El Taweel (Egypt) and the current Chair;

b) Endorsed the Terms of Reference for the preparation of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition, in support to the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016-2025;

c) Recognized the importance of an inclusive process leading to the adoption of the Voluntary Guidelines, open to all interested stakeholders, which will be facilitated by the CFS Secretariat, under the guidance of the CFS Open-Ended Working Group on Nutrition, and with the assistance of a Technical Task Team;

d) Emphasized the crucial importance of the planned consultation phases for the ownership and success of the process, and invited all relevant CFS stakeholders to actively participate in the preparation of the Voluntary Guidelines;

e) Recognizing that sufficient funds are not currently available, invited CFS Members and stakeholders to provide adequate financial resources to enable the implementation of the policy convergence process ensuring that all the planned activities are carried out within available resources;

f) Requested that the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition be submitted for endorsement by CFS at its 47th Session in 2020.
### III. ACTIVITIES FOR 2019-2020

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<td>Written inputs, comments and suggestions from the OEWG members to feed the preparation of the Zero Draft</td>
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### IV. TECHNICAL TASK TEAM

A Technical Task Team, made up of representatives from FAO, IFAD, WFP, UNSCN, WHO, UNICEF, CGIAR, CSM and PSM, will support the CFS Secretariat in the preparation of the different drafts of the Voluntary Guidelines.