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Portugal

Statement: Item IX Marking the Kick-off of the UN Decade on Family Farming 2019-2028

Thank you, Madam / Mr. Chairperson,

Portugal fully aligns itself with the statement made by Finland on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

In addition, we would like to inform the CFS on the initiatives developed in Portugal and within the CPLP on Family Farming.

Recognising the key role that Family Farming plays in improving food security and in structuring rural areas both in economic and social dimensions, in 2011 the CPLP - Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries - agreed to launch a common Food and Nutrition Security Strategy, in which Family Farming is one of the basic pillars. As part of that strategy, in June 2017 the CPLP adopted in Brasilia the "Guidelines for the Support and Promotion of Family Farming in the CPLP Member States".

In February 2018, at the High Level Meeting on Family Farming held in Lisbon, the Community's Ministers of Agriculture, together with FAO and IFAD, pledged to implement in their countries the CPLP Guidelines on Family Farming by signing the "Lisbon Charter for the Strengthening of Family Farming".

In Portugal, family Farming is on the top of the agricultural policy agenda. In August 2018, the Portuguese Government approved the Family Farming Statute, which recognises this type of agricultural producers and establishes a set of economic, social, financial and fiscal positive discrimination policies aimed at protecting the Family Farming, as well as give favourable conditions for their sustainability.

Portugal, together with other CPLP member countries, has from the outset supported the declaration of the Decade of Family Farming, which we hope can make a key contribution to the recognition of these farmers, while creating a favourable environment for their development worldwide.

In the same vein, it is important to highlight our country's co-sponsorship of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas, which we consider to be an important instrument in the implementation of the Decade of Family Farming.

Thank you very much, Madam / Mr. Chairman