Statement Switzerland

Agenda item 7- Vision and Strategy for FAO’s Work in Nutrition

• Switzerland welcomes the opportunity to discuss the Draft Vision and Strategy for FAO’s work in Nutrition.

• In general, Switzerland appreciates the comprehensive and system’s approach taken in this strategy, and especially the recognition that sustainability is paramount and that healthy diets from sustainable food systems are vital to ensure nutrition.

• FAO has a crucial role to play in promoting this transformational change, through the building of networks, strengthening its science and evidence-based work and the development of metrics and hence strengthen its normative capacities.

• Switzerland welcomes the recognition of the role of sustainable food systems for nutrition and supports FAO to work in all aspects of food systems, including sustainable fisheries and aquaculture development, in order to tackle malnutrition in all its forms through improving diets and food systems, and hence play a role in achieving the SDGs.

• In general, we are of the view that “healthy diets from sustainable food systems” should be emphasized and referred to throughout the document, as sustainable food systems are key for promoting environmental sustainability and long term resilience. The FAO can play a key role in preparing the ground for the necessary discussion about trade-offs.

• In the same way as the Committee on Agriculture (COAG) and the Committee on Forestry (COFO), we suggest to maintain a recommendation in the final report of this committee to recognize the central role of healthy diets to be achieved through a food systems approach.

• In addition, we would like to strengthen the consumption’s perspective and add the link to SDG 12 (sustainable production and consumption) – which is key for all related activities – in the Draft Vision and Strategy. In this sense, SDG 12 should be added in Paragraph 1.

• Thank you for taking our comments into consideration.