



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States
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Item 16: Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 168th Session of the Council (29 November-4 December 2021).

Mr Chair,

1. I am honoured to write to you on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States regarding the above-mentioned agenda item for the 170th Session of the FAO Council.
2. We thank FAO for updating Member States on the status of implementation of decisions taken at the 168th Session of the Council.
3. First of all, the Council 168th emphasized the need to consider all approaches to sustainable agriculture production in the Results Framework. In response to this request, it is indicated in document CL 170/LIM/3 that “the Results Framework refers to integrated and innovative approaches throughout”. However, the EU and its Member States regret that the Programme of Work and Budget put emphasis on special innovations such as technologies and climate smart agriculture, while the Strategic Framework itself refers, for example to agroecological approaches, conservation agriculture, integrated agriculture or agro-forestry. Therefore, we ask FAO to follow up further on this request, making sure that the full range of approaches is well reflected in the results framework.
4. Secondly, we thank FAO for the information provided concerning the follow-up to the United Nations Food Systems Summit. However, we regret that comments remain silent on the cooperation of the Coordination Hub with the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and its High Level Panel of Experts (HLPE), which are key elements of the international governance of food systems and are both mentioned as components of the follow-up system in the Secretary-General’s Statement of Action. We ask FAO to update Members about the engagement of the CFS and of its HLPE in the follow-up

system coordinated by the Hub. We indeed strongly believe in CFS's added value to promote food security and nutrition and sustainable food systems through its useful products, by providing independent scientific advice and analysis, and its convening power as being already well advanced on multi-stakeholder engagement and providing an inclusive platform.

5. We take note with appreciation of the information provided by FAO regarding the status of implementation of the other decisions of the 168th Council. In particular, we appreciate FAO's efforts to promote the Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches, including in the context of its participation in the Coalition for Agroecology. We invite FAO to continue its efforts in this regard, as well as to promote all CFS policy products.

Thank you, Mr Chair
