



COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

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STATE OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN THE WORLD 2021, ITS POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND THE ROLE OF CFS IN THE CONTEXT OF COVID-19 – DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. Opening statements are delivered by: [.....]
2. The Committee:
 - a. Welcomes the collaboration between FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO on the preparation of the 2021 report on the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI);
 - b. Takes note of a presentation delivered by [xx];
3. Expresses deep concern over:
 - a. The estimated 720 to 811 million people facing hunger in 2020, as many as 118 million more than in 2019;
 - b. The 660 million people who may still be facing hunger in 2030, in part due to lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on global food security, adding up to 30 million more people than in a scenario in which the pandemic had not occurred;

- c. The nearly 2.37 billion people without access to adequate food in 2020, representing an increase of 320 million people in just one year;
 - d. The estimated 3 billion people unable to afford a healthy diet and the associated higher levels of moderate or severe food insecurity;
 - e. The millions of children under 5 years of age who were affected by stunting (149.2 million), wasting (45.4 million) or overweight (38.9 million);
 - f. The increasing gender gap in the prevalence of moderate or severe food insecurity in the year of the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. Takes note that the SOFI report underlines that food system transformation is required to address the problem of millions of people that are unable to afford healthy diets. The Committee acknowledges that food systems transformation should be encouraged in a coherent manner, as appropriate and in accordance with and dependent on national context and capacities.
5. Takes note of the following comments provided in Plenary:
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