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High-Level Expert Forum on Protracted Crises

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At CFS 36th Session:

- Presentation of SOFI 2010: The State of Food Insecurity in the world
- Endorsement of all recommendations, including:
 - organization of High Level Expert Forum (HLEF) to discuss the elaboration of a new Agenda for Action (A for A) for Food Security in Countries in Protracted Crises no later than 2012.
 - request to prepare a **concept note** to explore the form and function of a HLEF.

At CFS 37th Session:

- **Concept note** presented showing added value of a HLEF
- Request to organize a HLEF
- Approved the proposal to hold an extensive consultation process with all stakeholders on the outcome of the HLEF with a view to presenting a proposed “Agenda for Action for Food Security in Countries in Protracted Crises” for the consideration of the plenary of CFS as appropriate.



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Process for the Organization of HLEF

- Rome-based agencies technical and organizing Team
- Steering Committee of high level external advisors (FAO, IFAD, WFP, The High Level Task Force, World Bank, OECD, Brookings Institute, UN Peace Building Commission, Civil Society representatives)
- Expert papers presented at a technical meeting 28-29 June
- Preparation of 4 HLEF background briefs



39 HLEF Participants

- **Participants:** Permanent Representatives of Member States, National Experts, Civil Society, HLTF, HLPE, Regional Organizations.
- **Panelists:** national experts, civil society, research institutes, World Bank, regional organizations.

Structure of the HLEF

PANEL 1.

- *Consequences and causes of food insecurity in protracted crises*

PANEL 2.

- *Political and governance opportunities and challenges: catalysts to create change*

PANEL 3.

- *Resilience of individuals, households, communities and local institutions in protracted crises*

PANEL 4.

- *Building partnerships to break cycles of recurrent or protracted crises: Lessons from experience*

PANEL 5.

- *The way forward: Elements for an agenda for action*

Highlights

PANEL 1.

→ Context analysis – Ownership – Benefits of FS

PANEL 2.

→ Key areas of improvement – Accountability

PANEL 3.

→ Benefits of resilience focused programming

PANEL 4.

→ New models of partnerships – Key requirements

PANEL 5.

→ Need for a transformative process

The HLEF:

- noted that that persistence of food insecurity in countries in protracted crises can no longer be tolerated
- urgently called on HLEF stakeholders to put the needs of countries in protracted crises at the forefront of a new commitment to improve and enlarge investments to address food insecurity
- noted that such transformative process requires new solutions and ways of working in partnership



39 Key outcomes of HLEF

- As requested by the 36th and 37th sessions of the Committee, elements for an A for A have been identified :
 - country ownership and accountability for response strategies is critical;
 - the critical role of governance, fragility and peace building processes in addressing food security in protracted crises
 - the contribution of food security in addressing state fragility and conflict resolution.
 - the need to develop more flexible, responsive and stable funding mechanisms and investment vehicles suited to the specific needs of protracted crises situations.



39 Key outcomes of HLEF

- A number of possible immediate actions have been identified :
 - Mainstreaming food security concerns into other agenda and plans of actions such as the New Deal of Engagement in Fragile States.
 - Creating a multi-stakeholder knowledge platform to share lessons learned and analyses related topics.
 - Promoting resilience at the core of selected responses to food insecurity in protracted crisis.

The Committee expresses satisfaction with the High Level Expert Forum on Food Insecurity in Protracted Crises (HLEF) and welcomes the report on the discussions and outcomes of the Forum as summarised in the document CFS 2012/39/7. In particular, the Committee:

- 1) Recognises the seriousness, particular characteristics and nature of food insecurity in protracted crises situations;
- 2) Notes the role of the Forum’s findings and recommendations in guiding further action to promote food security in protracted crisis countries and contexts;
- 3) Re-iterates its support for a consultative process including all relevant stakeholders with a view to presenting for consideration by the CFS Plenary an “Agenda for Action for Food Security in Countries in Protracted Crises”, building as appropriate on the elements provided in para 28 of CFS 2012/39/7;
- 4) Requests the CFS Bureau in consultation with the Advisory Group and the Secretariat to oversee the process of arriving at an “Agenda for Action” as per the decisions of the 36th and 37th sessions of the Committee.
- 5) Calls for immediate, purposeful and coherent action by all stakeholders to promote food security and nutrition in the context of protracted crises.