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– HLPE rapport «Food security and nutrition: building a global narrative towards 2030».

- Mr Chairman, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,
 - Let me initially echo previous speakers in thanking the High Level Panel of Experts for a substantial and very important report.
 - Norway can fully subscribe to the new global narrative proposed by the HLPE, and in particular the need to transform global food systems, towards resilience and sustainability, and so as to eradicate hunger – in accordance with Agenda 2030 and the SDGs.
 - We also subscribe to the strong recommendation to strengthen the focus on the human right to adequate food.
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- The report illustrates what the CFS can do at its best:
 - It should strive to have a clear science and evidence-based approach to its work.
 - We would like to see a CFS that promotes coherent and ambitious policies, contributing towards safe and nutritious food for all.
 - Let me also underscore that it is our joint responsibility to contribute constructively in the formulation of policy recommendations on the basis of the HLPE reports, and to make sure that these recommendations and guidelines are taken up and put into effect.
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- The HLPE report points to the need for a “critical political shift”. For the CFS to be able to contribute to this, work should focus on issues where the CFS can provide added value. We should avoid renegotiating CFS’ own documents, or discussions for which other organizations are better placed.
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- The Food Systems Summit is an opportunity to turn the momentum and to create this required shift.
 - The findings in the HLPE report should therefore serve as an important reference in preparations to the Summit, and to identify game-changing solutions.

- We would in particular like to highlight two main recommendations, which we strongly believe should be emphasized:
- The necessary transformation of our food systems. The approach should be holistic, promote gender equality, and aim at providing resilient and sustainable food systems – so as to bring us closer to the eradication of hunger and the achievement of the 2030 agenda and the SDGs.
- The right to adequate food should be at the center of our efforts to ensure food and nutrition security.
- This is in line with the thinking of our Norwegian action plan on sustainable food systems, which will guide our foreign and development policy.
- Lastly - let me emphasize the importance of including food from the oceans as part of the solution, if we are to be able to feed a growing world population in a healthy, nutritious and fully sustainable manner. Norway will, with partners, continue to champion improved management of fisheries and marine resources - at the same time advancing a sustainable ocean economy and healthy oceans.
- Thank you