

**Statement of Thailand for  
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Thank you Mr. Chairperson

Thailand expresses its appreciation to the HLPE (High-Level Panel of Experts) and the Steering Committee for the great efforts in delivering the important analytical report.

We acknowledge the key findings of the HLPE report and would like to share our views as follows:

- First, we welcome the update of the conceptual framework of Food Security, to include **agency and sustainability** as additional key dimensions. The inclusion of these two dimensions helps better address the diverse and complex interactions among all stakeholders in the food systems, although further discussion may be needed to reach a common understanding of the implications of the updated concept.

- Second, Thailand is aware of the urgency to radically transform food systems to grant safe food and healthy diets for all in a sustainable way.

Mr. Chair,

Thailand is committed to the achievement of the SDGs, and continues to strive to reduce hunger and poverty along with promoting food security and nutrition at all levels.

At national level, we have adopted **the principles of Sufficiency Economic Philosophy or SEP**, as the main pathway to achieve the SDGs. The principles of SEP center around the concept of ‘**sufficiency**’, and encourages people and local communities to become agents of change by leading a balanced life – that is a life in moderation, reasonableness and prudence – to become self-reliant, self-sufficient and resilient.

In addition, Thailand recently introduced **the provincial crop calendar to support area-based food security management at local level**. The provincial crop calendar contains detailed information on monthly agricultural production, area of plantation, harvested area, product distribution with data break-down at district and provincial level. The provincial crop calendar is the tool for each province to prepare local food reserve plans in times of crisis, such as lock-down measures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finally, we recognize that significant political shift and governance commitment are needed to drive the transition towards sustainable food systems at all levels.

In this connection, Thailand encourages and urges for full integration of this CFS HLPE report as important input for the preparation of the upcoming UN Food Systems Summit, and we look forward to the implementation of its recommendations at regional and national levels.

Thank you Mr. Chair

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