

Remarks from the Republic of Korea

(Item 4-1) CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2020-2023 – Update of the Rolling Section – with Draft Decisions

The Republic of Korea highly appreciates the Secretariat's efforts on the rolling section of the 2020-23 CFS Multi-Year Programme of Work(MYPoW).

In general, the 2020-23 MYPoW is well-planned considering the trajectory of CFS's work thus far and the schedule of the Food Systems Summit. With my delegation's full notion of the current presentation of CFS's essential and crucial roles, we would like to address two following suggestions.

Firstly, we recommend CFS to continue its efforts for improving visibility and influence. We recognize CFS's considerable workload including three plenaries in this year, another important policy guideline of agroecological and other innovative approaches, and consultations on Voluntary Guidelines on gender and women's Empowerment. At the same time, my delegation would like to stress the paramountcy of CFS output's actual and pervasive usage. CFS's outputs need to be utilized in various occasions by diverse actors from government, Parliament, academia, civil society to private sector depends upon specific contexts. We firmly believe that a voluntary guideline is non-binding but the word "voluntary" is

meaningful as far as there are sufficient users.

Secondly, my delegation recommends CFS to continue its work in an efficient manner while securing necessary resources. Since we take a note of CFS's plan of work along with its extra-budgetary cost, we expect all the necessities to be adequately supported by various entities and ways. Moreover, we urge the Secretariat to efficiently use its resources as much as possible bearing in mind that virtual consultation is still a major method to move CFS's work forward under the Covid-19 pandemic. Hence, we sincerely hope CFS to take a full advantage of virtual means during as well as even after the pandemic.

Mr. Chair, with these comments, the Republic of Korea endorses this document. Thank you.