

(ITEM 5) The CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSYN) - Draft Decisions

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

The Republic of Korea highly appreciates the Open-Ended Working Group(OEWG) on Food Systems and Nutrition and the Chair for their full dedication, enormous efforts, indulgence, and flexibility shown to every process towards this document. My delegation recognizes that this guideline is a great achievement based on collective efforts and inclusive consultation with many stakeholders. We regard the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition extremely important within the current challenges such as global pandemic, climate change, and man-made conflicts.

We express our great satisfaction on most parts of the document in overall including the five guiding principles and seven focus areas. Among various sections herein, particularly, we are supportive to the inclusion of women and youth. This is based on my government's notion that women and youth are not only vulnerable groups in the fields but also these groups are inevitable actors for maintaining our food systems sustainable.

My delegation also agrees to the point that the food system is complicatedly intertwined with multidimensional activities, subjects, and resources. In this context, we fully support Voluntary Guideline's nature "to be interpreted and applied in accordance with national legal systems and their institution". This characteristic well aligns with the basic concept of the title "voluntary guidelines" itself. Moreover, this will enlarge and widen the potential of its usage and application further. In this regard, we also recommend CFS Secretariat as well as all Rome-based agencies and other development actors to actively use this document in supporting many member states and others in the fields.

With these comments, the Republic of Korea endorses the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition. We sincerely hope this guideline to be served as one of foundation material in the preparation of the Food Systems Summit as well. Thank you.