



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States

CFS 48 - Committee on World Food Security

(virtual meeting, 4 June 2021)

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Item 1: Adoption of the Policy Recommendations on agroecological and other innovative approaches

Madam/Mr Chair,

1. I am honoured to speak on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States.
2. We are fully committed to working within the CFS, recognising its key role in fostering the transformation towards sustainable agriculture and food systems, helping to tackle rising global challenges related to hunger and all forms of malnutrition and the interrelated factors of poverty and inequality, environmental degradation, climate change and biodiversity loss.
3. The EU and its 27 Member States endorse the Policy Recommendations on agroecological and other innovative approaches for sustainable agriculture and food systems.
4. These Policy Recommendations are a significant CFS contribution to leveraging innovative approaches that are pivotal to the transformation of food systems. They constitute a highly relevant instrument to that end, along with other CFS products and the reports of the CFS High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE).
5. In this context, we highlight the importance of ensuring that the Policy Recommendations are duly considered during preparations for the UN Food Systems Summit and its pre-Summit, as well as during the follow-up to the Summit.
6. We are committed to promoting the uptake and implementation of the Policy Recommendations on agroecological and other innovative approaches and all previous CFS products, and we call upon the RBAs and all other stakeholders to do the same, including the private sector and civil society.

7. Finally, we take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all parties involved in building a common approach to the Policy Recommendations for their constructive engagement. We extend our special thanks to the chair of the Open-Ended Working Group, Ambassador Yaya Olaitan Olaniran and his predecessor Ambassador Mohammad Hossein Emadi. Their skilful leadership, patience and his tireless efforts have been critical in reaching an agreement on these Policy Recommendations.

Thank you, Madam/Mr Chair.
