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Item 4: The UN Food Systems Summit and its Implications for CFS

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President [Barbara] **Stinson,**

Chairman of the CFS [Thanawat] **Tiensin,**

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I. Opening remarks

- I am honoured to deliver this statement on behalf of The Honorable Julia Klöckner, Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture.
- Germany aligns itself with the statement by the EU and its Member States.

II. Relevance of the UN Food Systems Summit

- The **UN Food Systems Summit (FSS)**, with its **18-month multi-stakeholder inclusive preparatory process**, raised not only **global awareness** of food systems and their catalytic relevance to achieve all SDGs.
- It aimed at developing a **joint international vision for sustainable food systems**, while determining what we all should contribute to moving towards them.
- The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) has done **important groundwork** in this regard, in particular **by its Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition and the Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and Other Innovative Approaches**.
- These CFS products provide the global community with necessary **concrete guidance** to take measures **for achieving sustainable food systems**.
- Germany strongly **advocates these new CFS products** and **supports the outcomes of the FSS**.
- They reinforce each other mutually and **create a momentum the world** should build upon and develop further for the sake of the **attainment of the Agenda 2030**.
- How could this be done concretely?

- We have to
 - **firstly**, implement on all levels actions for the **development of sustainable food systems** – capitalizing on the many valuable **CFS products** available to all of us. And by also **making use of the FSS Action Track and National Dialogue process**, in which more than 100 countries, including Germany, and all other stakeholder groups participated actively.
 - **secondly**, to **form, maintain and strengthen multi-sectoral partnerships and multi-stakeholder formats** at country and global level. The multi-sectoral Coalitions of Action which have been identified in the FSS process are an important example.
 - **and thirdly**, to establish an **effective follow-up mechanism** in order to consolidate our concerted efforts. And that ensures the results of the FSS are being tracked and monitored so that they can contribute to the implementation of the Agenda 2030.

III. The UN Food Systems Summit and its implications for CFS

- Especially in view to considerations regarding the follow up process to the FSS, Germany attaches **great importance to a strong CFS**.

- We strongly advocate a **key role of CFS** - as the most inclusive intergovernmental platform - **in the follow-up**.
- We request the **CFS to be prominently represented** together with the 3 RBAs and other UN agencies – given
 - its **integral expertise for SDG 2**,
 - its **excellent products** covering a huge variety of UN FSS-related topics
 - and last but not least bearing in mind **its multi-stakeholder as well as intergovernmental composition**.
- **To discuss these ideas and a potential role** of the CFS in the UN FSS follow-up openly - of course taking into account CFS' existing resources and capacities - we **need a safe and inclusive space** to come together.
- Therefore we **call for an open debate involving all CFS Members and Stakeholders** - as it has been good tradition so far within the CFS.
- But it is more than just honouring a good tradition. It is frankly about inclusivity, transparency and, yes, democracy.
- **Whether the CFS should have a role or not** in the follow-up of the FSS and **how this role might look like**, can legitimately only be decided after an inclusive and

comprehensive **discussion amongst all CFS Members and Stakeholders.**

IV. Concluding remarks

Ladies and Gentleman,

- Let me conclude by saying: We very much **welcome the opportunity today to have this exchange** on the implications by the UN FSS for CFS.
- This can only be the **start of a much broader conversation which we need to continue.** And the CFS is a proper place for this discussion.
- Let's join forces. Let's get back on track and make finally **progress in achieving the SDGs by 2030!**
- **Thank you.**