Statement of Intervention

INDONESIA

At the 49th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) (Virtual Meeting, 11 – 14 October 2021)

Agenda Item 5: UPDATE OF THE CFS MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK (MYPoW) 2020-2023

- (a) Update of the Rolling Section of the CFS MYPoW 2020-2023
- (b) CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- First of all, Indonesia would like to thank the CFS [Secretariat/Chairperson] for presenting the update of rolling section for CFS Multi Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) for 2020–2023. We welcome the proposed document in order to provide mutual benefit for all stakeholders.
- 2. Indonesia would like to commend the CFS for leading the policy preparation process of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition.
- 3. We recognize the importance of gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment for sustainable development, considering their essential roles in the agriculture sector and in healthy diets for their family.
- 4. The Indonesian has put forward gender equality as one of the main priorities in the current National Medium-Term Development Plan. This aims to improve the quality of life and the roles of women in the implementation of development programs.
- 5. In this regard, we take note of the Zero Draft of Voluntary Guidelines and the works of the OEWG on Gender Equality and Women and Girls Empowerment.
- 6. We are of the view that gender issues and promoting women and girl's empowerment are critical in our common efforts to realize global food security and nutrition.

- 7. At the same time, we would like to highlight that it is important for the guidelines to use agreed language and/or concept, particularly those related with the human rights aspects. The guidelines should also provide more focus on issues related food security and nutrition in line with the mandate of the CFS. Moreover, the guidelines should also not create additional reporting burdens for member countries.
- 8. Furthermore, we also look forward to the forthcoming regional consultation process to discuss the draft guidelines, including the Regional Consultation in the Asia Pacific region to be held in early November.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.