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III. EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS AND PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY. ENDORSMENT AND UPTAKE OF THE CFS VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CFS 2022/50/1 3

EMPOWERMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION (for decision)

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Madam / Mr. Chair,

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- Finland fully aligns itself with the Statement by the European Union and the cross-regional statements.
- First of all, we want to thank all the CFS members, secretariat and co-chairs for the enormous work already done for the preparation of the Voluntary guidelines.
- Finland is fully committed to the continuation of the process of finalizing the guidelines. The current food security crisis has demonstrated the urgency of enhancing gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment in the context of food security and nutrition. Challenges are many and serious. The voluntary guidelines will be a tool to enhance women's role in resolving these challenges
- In order to achieve sustainable results, it is of utmost important to address the root causes of gender inequalities, such as discriminatory structures, social norms and gender stereotypes. At the same time, we must ensure that no one is left behind. Therefore, we emphasize the need for the voluntary guidelines to have an intersectional approach.
- Finally, we stress the importance of tackling all forms of sexual and gender-based violence, offline and online, to achieve gender equality in the context of food security and nutrition.