



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

50th Committee on World Food Security

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**Item IV a: CFS strategic direction towards 2023 (for discussion and decision) Critical,
Emerging and Enduring Issues for Food Security and Nutrition**

Madam/Mr Chair,

1. I am honoured to speak on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States.
2. Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Serbia, Türkiye and Ukraine align themselves with this statement.
3. We thank the High Level Panel of Experts, its Chair Bernard Lehmann and the entire research team for their last report entitled “Critical, Emerging and Enduring Issues for Food Security and Nutrition. A note by the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition of the Committee on World Food Security”.
4. Their analysis suggests 7 research axes for discussion with CFS members and stakeholders in order to advance on current global food security and nutrition issues and generate productive dialogues for the coming years. Their problem-focused and sourced synthesis, relevant proposals and open questions are very valuable resources for the CFS, which give us greater insight into current issues as part of a comprehensive and global approach to food security and nutrition.
5. Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine and the ongoing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic have exacerbated global food insecurity and all forms of malnutrition. Today it is more relevant than ever to pursue exchanges on the implementation of ambitious and proactive agricultural and food policies. Furthermore, we stress the urgency of accelerating the transformation towards sustainable and resilient food systems. The insight provided by the HLPE scientific community is crucial to improving a common understanding of these issues and facilitating the CFS negotiations.
6. Interactions and cross-disciplinary methods provide a real benefit and need to be encouraged and applied. Crosscutting issues such as the climate crisis, environmental degradation, natural disasters, pandemics, the impact of crises and conflicts, migration, youth and gender inequality and emerging technologies have direct consequences on food

security and nutrition. These topics should be systematically addressed, as far as possible, in every HLPE research theme chosen.

7. This is why the European Union and its 27 Member States support the HLPE's involvement in these issues related to structural vulnerabilities in food systems. We recognize the relevance of all key questions identified by the HLPE report and look forward to preparing the CFS MYPoW 2024-2027 using this scientific evidence-based content. In this context, we welcome the establishment of an OEWG for preparing the next MYPoW and would value an opportunity for all CFS members and stakeholders to be able to submit their own proposals in addition to the HLPE's valuable seven topics. We would welcome an in-depth internal discussion on enhancing efforts to increase global awareness and use of all CFS policy products.

Thank you Madam/ Mr Chair!