

50th Session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS50)

Agenda Item IV: CFS Strategic Direction toward 2030; c) Theme of the HLPE-FSN Report 2024

Statement by Japan

In the original agenda document, there were a total of three proposed themes, titled (1)"Strengthening Urban and Peri-Urban Food Systems in the Context of Urbanization and Rural Transformation", (2)"Building Resilient and Equitable Supply Chains for Food Security and Nutrition" and (3)"Conflict and Food System Vulnerability". However, Japan would like to request the Secretariat to provide the background behind the decision to limit the proposed themes to one as (1).

In addition, it is necessary to conduct scientific analysis of the vulnerability of the global food system, which was exposed by Russia's aggression in Ukraine this year. Based on the analysis, each country would be able to make policy decisions more properly to ensure food security. Therefore, Japan would prefer the initially proposed another theme titled “Conflict and Food System Vulnerability”. Ultimately, we would be able to agree that "Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems in the context of urbanization and rural transformation" should be the theme for 2024, but Japan would like to point out that “Conflict and food system vulnerability” should be taken up as a theme as soon as possible for or after 2025.