

Statement of the Republic of the Philippines  
**Agenda Item 6: Empowering Youth in Inclusive and Sustainable Food Systems**

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Honorable CFS Chairperson, Distinguished Delegates

1. The Philippines would like to thank Ambassador Pio Wennubst of Switzerland for his effective leadership in serving as Rapporteur in the development of CFS Policy Recommendations on Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems for food security and nutrition. We also commend the work of the High-level Panel of Experts (HLPE) in preparing the report, which served as bases for these policy recommendations, as well as all those who were involved in the development of this policy guidance.

2. The Philippines endorses these policy recommendations as contained in CFS 2022/50/8/Rev.1, which provides a key, inter-governmentally-agreed, voluntary, and non-binding global policy framework in support of country-led efforts toward achieving food security and nutrition through the promotion of youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems.

3. The Philippines commits to support and promote at all levels within its constituencies, and in collaboration with other relevant initiatives and platforms, the dissemination, use, and application of these Policy Recommendations to support the development, enhancement, and implementation of coordinated and multi-sectoral national policies, laws, programmes, regulatory frameworks, investment plans, and various regional food security and nutrition initiatives.

5. We will also work on documenting lessons learned from using the Policy Recommendations and share progress and experiences with the Committee in order to assess their continued relevance, effectiveness, and impact – in line with the standard

monitoring practice of the Committee; which is based on the principles of participation, transparency, and accountability. We also commit to ensuring youth participation in sharing progress and monitoring implementation.

6) We look forward to the support of Rome-based Food Agencies and others as we endeavor to utilize these recommendations at the country level.

7)The Philippines recognizes the youth as agents of revolutionary change, given their dynamism, innovativeness, technology-savviness, and overflowing desire to make an impact in communities worldwide. We are confident that the priority policy areas covered by the recommendations can help promote a cultural shift in perspective regarding agriculture and food systems that would facilitate youth engagement in agri-food systems transformation for food security, resilience and nutrition and can help empower them to uplift the capacities of family farmers, indigeneous peoples and other stakeholders boost farm productivity.

Thank you

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