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Item V. Empowering women and girls and promoting gender equality

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Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

- Thailand congratulates the Committee on World Food Security / for the meaningful Voluntary Guidelines / on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment / in the context of food security and nutrition. /
- We acknowledge that / women and girls – particularly in rural areas - may play a key role / in enhancing food security and nutrition and in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.
- Women working in the agricultural sector are a crucial driving force of Thailand's agriculture and grassroots economy.
- Rural women and girls are the target of specific empowerment policies aimed to promote equality and to enhance their food security and nutritional status by improving their agricultural knowledge and skills / and by transforming them into smart farmers and role models / for the community and other farmers.
- Women and girls are offered agricultural training in essential areas / such as entrepreneurial capacity, / analysis and planning, / marketing strategies, / farming practices and production processes.

- They are also encouraged to produce food to promote food security and nutrition / at the household and community levels / and at the same time generate income / and reduce household expenses for food in rural communities.
- Women farmer groups are also the target of specific policies aimed to enhance their rights, / equality, and diversity, and 2023 has been declared in Thailand / the Year of Strengthening / Farmer Women's Groups.
- In conclusion, Thailand stands ready / to continue its endeavor to empower women and girls, / promote gender equality, / and integrate these CFS Voluntary Guidelines / into all our policies.
- Thank you for your attention