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COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

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HIGH-LEVEL FORUM ON STRENGTHENING RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT AND FINANCING FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION – DRAFT CONCLUSIONS

1. The High-Level Forum draws and reflects on the outcomes of events which took place prior to the CFS Plenary in 2025, such as the 4th UN Conference on Financing for Development in Sevilla, including its preparatory process, and the second Stocktake of the UN Food Systems Summit in Addis Ababa as well as the CFS Collaborative Governance Dialogue on financing for food security and nutrition and activities of relevant initiatives such as the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty. The Forum is opened by the CFS Chair, followed by two panel discussions.

2. The first panel on what has been achieved in terms of responsible investment and financing for food security and nutrition in 2025, next steps and role of the CFS is composed of:

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3. The second panel on key challenges, solutions and policy responses for responsible investment and financing for food security and nutrition is composed of:

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4. The Committee:

   a) welcomes the High-Level Forum which brings together a wide range of stakeholders to discuss the challenges and opportunities related to mobilizing sufficient and adequate financial

resources[1] for food security and nutrition objectives, provide solutions, and promote collaboration for improved and increased responsible investments aimed at the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security;

b) takes note of the overview provided in document CFS 2025/53/Inf.20 "HLPE-FSN Background Note on Strengthening Responsible Investment and Financing for Food Security and Nutrition";

c) takes note of the presentations of the outcomes of the CFS Collaborative Governance Dialogue on Financing for Food Security and Nutrition, held on 15 April, the 4th UN Conference on Financing for Development held in Seville from 30 June to 3 July 2025, as well as of the second Stocktake of UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS+4), which took place in Addis Ababa from 27 to 29 July, and highlighted the importance of following up on these outcomes to implement agreed actions;

d) emphasizes the role of the public sector in financing food security and nutrition, including through reallocation of national expenditures, creating enabling environments to promote responsible investment and enhance access to finance, aligning public financing policies with sustainable development objectives, including policy objectives related to social environmental and economic development;

e) encourages the private sector to responsibly invest in agrifood systems, particularly in developing countries, using a long-term, strategic approach, and emphasizes the need to develop an enabling policy environment which facilitates responsible private investment in agriculture and food systems, and the role that public investments can play in incentivizing and derisking responsible private investments;

f) encourages financing that is effective, innovative, sustainable and consistent with national policies and programmes as well as regulatory frameworks, particularly for developing countries to encourage investment in food systems and to support the progressive realization of the right to adequate food;

g) underlines the critical importance of mobilizing and accessing resources for responsible investment for food systems actors, particularly small-scale producers, family farmers and SMEs, including through private sector, for food security and nutrition objectives, and stresses the need to support them with resources and conducive public policies that ensure fair prices for their products and access to affordable credit at reasonable rates;

h) highlights the role of Multilateral Development Banks in fostering collaboration between different stakeholders, promoting access to finance, developing innovative and effective financing mechanisms as well as supporting public-private partnerships while respecting and supporting the progressive realization of the right to adequate food;

i) encourages all stakeholders to use relevant CFS policy products, in particular the Principles for Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems and the Policy Recommendations on Investing in Smallholder Agriculture for Food Security, to support the creation of enabling environments for responsible investments in food security and nutrition and to promote access

[1] Measuring the food security and nutrition financing gap is a complex exercise facing challenges of a diverse range and nature. Only an estimate of the food security and nutrition gap may be proposed aware that this will vary depending on i) the scope of objectives; ii) the entity evaluating the gap; iii) the national, regional or international evaluation; iv) the methodologies used, and v) interventions costed, ranging from avoiding or reducing current hunger to enabling food systems to deliver food security and nutrition for all, now and in the future. The "HLPE-FSN Background Note on Strengthening Responsible Investment and Financing for Food Security and Nutrition"(Document CFS 2025/53/Inf.20) identified that in the literature estimates of the financing gap for food security and nutrition vary from USD 7 to USD 1,338 billion per year.

to and the mobilization of financial resources in line with the progressive realization of the right to adequate food.

j) reiterates the need to assist developing countries in attaining long-term debt sustainability through coordinated policies aimed at fostering debt financing, debt relief, debt restructuring and sound debt management, as appropriate in order to end hunger and guarantee food security and nutrition;

k) takes note of the following comments provided in Plenary:

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