

VII: CFS STRATEGIC DIRECTION TOWARDS 2030

Madam Chairperson,

Distinguished Delegates,

Allow me to begin by thanking Ms. Erma Rheindrayani, an Indonesian diplomat, for her excellent work as the rapporteur of the Mid-Term Review exercise of the 2024-2027 Multi-year Work Program (MyPow 2024-2027) of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS).

Throughout this process, we, the members of the Committee's Bureau, have assessed that the implementation of the important work plan we have for the next two years depends on the continuation of funding for its activities.

In this regard, we thank and acknowledge the support and funding received from FAO, IFAD, and WFP, without which the core activities of the CFS could not be carried out. We also call for this funding not to be reduced.

Unfortunately, as we all know, we are facing a challenging moment in terms of financing. From 2026 onward, there is a projected reduction of at least 30% in the total resources to be received by the CFS. This scenario is severe and concerning. Without adequate resources, the important work and debates carried out by the CFS will inevitably be jeopardized.

As the most inclusive international and intergovernmental platform for discussing issues related to food and nutrition security, the CFS must continue to receive funding from the three Rome-based agencies and donors. These resources should preferably be dedicated to fully financing the approved and endorsed work program, as well as to communication and dissemination efforts and the implementation of policy products already approved by the Committee.

In the Mid-Term Review of the 2024-2027 work plan, in which Brazil actively participated, three new activities were included, whose implementation will depend on the availability of budgets in the coming years.

Brazil strongly supports the inclusion of a High-Level Forum titled “Advancing Equitable Land Governance for Food Security and Nutrition: A Global Review of Progress in Land Reform and Rights to Land,” to be organized as a follow-up to the Second International Conference on Land Reform and Rural Development (ICARRD+20), scheduled for Colombia in 2026.

This forum, planned for 2027, will serve as a platform to review commitments, policies, innovations, and gaps in the implementation of land reform and land rights as pillars of food and nutrition security. For Brazil, as the host of the first conference and a major advocate of land rights and land reform, the discussions in this forum should promote the adoption of VGGT/CSA principles and the guarantee of the human right to food.

We also express our satisfaction with the inclusion of another High-Level Forum titled “Reinforcing the Impact of CFS Policy Products,” which will aim to provide a platform for sharing and discussing experiences in adopting CFS products, highlighting lessons learned and successful cases, as well as identifying challenges and barriers faced.

Given that one of the main bottlenecks currently faced by the Committee is the use and implementation of its products, this will be an opportunity to reflect on how countries, subnational entities, and other actors have been using these products to generate positive impacts for societies and to ensure the food and nutrition security of their populations.

Finally, we must highlight the central role played by FAO, WFP, and IFAD in disseminating and promoting the use of the products developed by the CFS. It is crucial for the three agencies to continue incorporating these documents into their country programs, strategic plans, and guidelines. Without this partnership, implementation will be hindered, and the expected results will not be achieved.

Our call as Brazil is that all actors involved with the CFS remain committed to the use and implementation of policy products, voluntary guidelines, and the promotion of debates within the Committee. Without each of us's individual commitment, we will continue to lose a valuable opportunity to implement essential policy frameworks in the fight against hunger and all forms of food insecurity.

Thank you very much.