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STRENGTHENING COORDINATION AND COLLABORATIVE
ACTIONS*

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Thank you, Madam Chair.

Sweden fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by Denmark on behalf of the European Union and its 27 member states.

Now, allow me to begin by acknowledging the work of FAO and the other involved UN agencies with this year's SOFI report and its thematic focus on food price inflation. In this regard we underline the importance of neutrality and impartiality.

Although the report is indeed a sobering read, it is at least welcome that it confirms the positive trend of a gradual decrease in world hunger and global food insecurity.

That said, the numbers remain all too high and force us to - yet again - face the fact that we are far off track with regards to SDG 2 and achieving Zero Hunger by 2030.

We note with concern that while food security has improved notably in Latin America and the Caribbean as well as in Asia, the prevalence of hunger and food insecurity has continued to rise in Africa.

We are also troubled by the report finding that the food security gender gap has again widened after having previously narrowed for two consecutive years. It is deeply disparaging that food insecurity is still more prevalent among adult women than men in every region of the world.

This plainly shows that structural gender inequalities persist, and we feel obliged to reiterate that achieving gender equality is integral to sustainable development. It is a vital part of the 2030 Agenda and a prerequisite for the full and equal enjoyment of human rights; for safeguarding food security; and for the progressive realization of the right to adequate food.

Madam Chair, we are gravely concerned about conflict as a driver of hunger and food insecurity and we are particularly concerned about the situations in Sudan and Gaza, where famines have been confirmed.

With regards to Gaza in particular, we fully align with the EU statement delivered by Denmark.

In this context, we also reiterate the detrimental consequences of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine on global food security and agricultural markets, as showcased in consecutive SOFI reports.

In closing, Madam Chair, please be assured that Sweden remains a strong supporter of the CFS and recognize its important role in leveraging its convening power and inclusive platform to coordinate effective responses aimed at addressing food insecurity and towards the progressive realization of the right to adequate food.

Thank you.