

Dear Ms. Satu Lassila and colleagues from CFS Secretariat,

Based on conclusions made by our experts in the Capital, please find below the preliminary comments of the Russian Federation to the Zero Draft of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the Context of Food Security and Nutrition:

- 1) The monitoring of implementation of the Guidelines should be voluntary in nature. It is clear from the status of the whole document, which is voluntary and non-binding. Thus, we kindly request to reflect *the voluntary status of monitoring* in Part 4 of the draft.
- 2) It would be not appropriate for CFS, as an intergovernmental Committee in FAO, to use questionable sources of information, such as IMF's blogs or some other focused studies that only represent the views of a limited number of authors.
- 3) In order to avoid multiple interpretation of certain concepts in the draft we suggest to use «gender stereotypes» instead of terms «gender norms» / «social norms» as there are no clear intergovernmentally agreed definitions for them.
- 4) In our view, it is inaccurate to consider the equal rights of adults and children as it is envisaged in the document. It contradicts with the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, as its Article 5 states: *«the rights and duties of parents or...legal guardians... to provide, ..., appropriate direction and guidance in the exercise by the child of the rights recognized in the present Convention»*. Thus, there should be a clear distinction between rights of adults and children.

We would be pleased to share with you and other colleagues our technical proposals and corrections to the current text at the stage of its negotiation.

Best regards,

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Dear Members of the Open-Ended Working Group,

This message is sent to remind you that today, **Tuesday 8 June**, is the deadline for sharing written comments on the preliminary version of the Zero Draft of the *Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment*. Please send any such comments to CFS@fao.org by COB. All comments will be posted in the Working Space on the [CFS website](#).

Best regards,
CFS Secretariat