

Japan's intervention for Item 4

- Japan recognizes that Indigenous Peoples' food systems, knowledge systems and traditional practices can contribute to food security, improved nutrition, biodiversity conservation and the realization of sustainable food systems.
- In this regard, we appreciate this report for highlighting the knowledge and experiences of Indigenous Peoples and for providing valuable insights towards building more sustainable food systems.
- At the same time, food systems and socio-economic conditions vary significantly across countries and regions. As discussions move forward, Japan expects that deliberations will be conducted in an inclusive, balanced and science-based manner, with due consideration given to the diverse national circumstances, institutional arrangements and priorities of individual countries.
- Japan remains committed to engaging in these discussions in a constructive manner.
- With regard to the executive summary of the report, Japan would like to raise a point regarding the reference to "ultra-processed foods" (CFS 2026/54/Inf.20, page 5).
- As there is currently no internationally agreed definition of ultra-processed foods, Japan requests that the insertion of the qualifier "so-called" before the term throughout the report.
- We note that this approach was already reflected in the conclusions of the Programme Committee and the Council last year and therefore should also be reflected in the agreed text under consideration.