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ASIA REGIONAL GROUP JOINT STATEMENT

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Item 5 | CFS Action Plan to Strengthen the Uptake of CFS Policy Products

Thank you, Chairperson.

1. Malaysia has the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Asia Regional Group.
2. The Asia Group welcomes the continued implementation of the CFS Action Plan to Strengthen the Uptake of CFS Policy Products endorsed by CFS 52 in October 2024. We appreciate the efforts of the CFS Secretariat, the Rome-based Agencies (RBAs), and relevant stakeholders in enhancing awareness, ownership, and application of CFS policy guidance at all levels.
3. We welcome voluntary monitoring and peer-learning platforms, including the Uptake Dialogues, Global Thematic Events, and the CFS Digital Repository. These mechanisms offer valuable opportunities to exchange experiences, showcase country-level success stories, and identify common implementation challenges. Because CFS policy products are voluntary global guidelines, their ultimate value lies in their effective application on the ground. In this regard, we reiterate that uptake must be driven by national ownership, flexibility, and context sensitivity, allowing Member States to adapt recommendations according to their national development priorities, socio-economic realities, and legal frameworks.
4. The Asia Group stresses that greater focus must now be directed toward assessing actual uptake and implementation, moving beyond awareness-raising and dissemination. To enable effective implementation on the ground, we call upon the Rome-based Agencies to step up targeted technical assistance, capacity building, resource mobilization, and technology transfer. A differentiated, needs-based approach is essential to address institutional and operational constraints across Member States.

5. In this connection, we welcome clarification on how CFS envisages targeted engagement at regional, subregional, and national levels, including tailored policy briefings and technical consultations. We also encourage the Secretariat and RBAs to prioritize support for policy areas and countries where implementation gaps remain significant.
6. In closing, Chair, the Asia Group emphasizes that the success of CFS policy products must be measured by their tangible contribution to strengthening national policies and improving food security and nutrition outcomes. We look forward to regular, evidence-based reporting, measurable results, and sustained support for implementation.

Thank you, Chair.