



# COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY

**Fifty-second Session**  
***"50 Years of CFS:  
Acting Together for a world free from hunger and malnutrition"***

**Rome, Italy, 21-25 October 2024**

**GLOBAL THEMATIC EVENT ON ADVANCING THE UPTAKE OF THE CFS  
VOLUNTARY GUIDELINES ON THE PROGRESSIVE REALIZATION OF THE  
RIGHT TO ADEQUATE FOOD IN THE CONTEXT OF NATIONAL FOOD  
SECURITY – DRAFT CONCLUSIONS**

## **MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE**

1. The Global Thematic Event, coinciding with the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Voluntary Guidelines on the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security (Right to Food Guidelines), takes stock of the use and application of the Guidelines. It reflects on the progress made over the past 20 years, highlights best practices and lessons learned, while also identifying remaining challenges and paving the way for further action towards the realization of the right to adequate food. The event is opened by the CFS Chair, followed by a keynote speech by XXX.
2. The panel on the use and application of the Right to Food Guidelines is composed of:
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3. The Committee:
  - a. welcomes the CFS 52 Global Thematic Event as an important opportunity to reflect on the past 20 years of implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the right to food in support of Member Nations' efforts to achieve the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security and recognizes that the Right to Food Guidelines are fundamental, and at the core of the CFS;
  - b. takes note of the overview provided in document CFS 2024/52/Inf.20 "Monitoring CFS Voluntary Guidelines on the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security: Secretariat's analysis of the contributions received";
  - c. underlines the importance of the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security as reflected in the vision of the reformed CFS to "strive for a world free from hunger where countries implement the Voluntary Guidelines for the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security";
  - d. reiterates the objective of the Guidelines aimed at guiding countries and other stakeholders in developing and adopting a wide range of measures with a human rights-based approach to food security to guarantee the availability of food in quantity and quality sufficient to satisfy the dietary needs of individuals; physical and economic accessibility for everyone, including vulnerable groups, to adequate, safe, affordable and nutritious food, and acceptable within a given culture; or the means of its procurement; and underscores the importance of the full implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food.
  - e. recognizes that the Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food - since their adoption in 2004 - have been utilized at global, national, and local levels, with coordinated effort applied by CFS Members, Participants, Observers, the CFS Secretariat and other CFS stakeholders, and with the critical support of the Rome-based Agencies (RBAs), to ensure their dissemination and application in various contexts;
  - f. acknowledges and reflects on the role of the Right to Food Guidelines in the progress made towards the advancement of the normative framework on the right to adequate food since their adoption;
  - g. recognizes that 20 years after the adoption of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food they remain an essential tool to support CFS members in promoting the progressive realization of the right to adequate food, and that there is a need to strengthen right to food-oriented actions and accountability, based on human rights principles, to drive positive impact to enhance food security and nutrition for all;
  - h. encourages additional efforts to promote a broader and systematic dissemination, use and application of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food by all stakeholders at all levels to contribute to the progressive realization of the right to adequate food and the fundamental right of everyone to be free from hunger;
  - i. recognizes the need to strengthen collaboration between the RBAs and wider UN-system including the UN Office on Human Rights in order to support the implementation of the Voluntary Guidelines on the Right to Food;
  - j. encourages Member States to integrate the right to food into their domestic policies, international cooperation efforts and development assistance, and underlines the importance of monitoring progress on a national basis, sharing best practices, and promoting accountability towards the progressive realization of the right to adequate food;
  - k. Takes note of the following comments provided in Plenary:

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