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Secretariat Response to Item 13: Reports of the 48th (Special) (4 June 2021), 49th (11-14 October 2021) and 50th (10-13 October and 19 December 2022) Sessions of the Committee on World Food Security

Colombia

The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Secretariat takes note of the central role of the right to adequate food as well as of food security and nutrition in the National Development Plan developed by Colombia.

We welcome the active engagement of Colombia in the negotiations for the development of the Voluntary Guidelines on Gender Equality and Women's and Girls' Empowerment in the context of Food Security and Nutrition and the Policy Recommendations on Promoting Youth Engagement and Employment in Agriculture and Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition.

United States of America

The CFS Secretariat welcomes the acknowledgement by the United States of America of the importance and the potential of the CFS Policy Recommendations on Youth and of the Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and other Innovative Approaches for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems that Enhance Food Security and Nutrition.

We stress the importance of setting clear parameters with regards to topics, processes and policy outcomes to be included in the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) currently under preparation and which is expected to be endorsed by the Plenary in October 2023.

Argentina

The CFS Secretariat welcome the commitment to the work of the Committee expressed by Argentina as well as the support provided to the development of the Policy Recommendations on Youth and on Agroecological and other Innovative Approaches as well as on the Voluntary Guidelines on Gender.

We take note of the comment on the need to develop a realistic MYPoW considering workload, resources and identifying relevant topics in line with CFS' added value and comparative advantages.

The Russian Federation

The CFS Secretariat welcomes the acknowledgment of the CFS's role as an inclusive and intergovernmental platform and takes note of the disassociation of the Russian Federation from paragraph 10(d) of the Report of the 50th Session of the CFS.

We welcome the support to the endorsement of the Policy Recommendation on Youth and note the request to promote their use at country level. The positive comments regarding the Voluntary Guidelines on Gender and the Recommendations on Agroecological and other Innovative Approaches and on the Policy Recommendations on Strengthening FSN Data Collection and Analysis Tools for Food Security and Nutrition are noted.

Australia

The CFS Secretariat shares the view of the importance of working together and strengthening coordinated actions to address the global food crises and to enhance country-led responses, with short- and medium-term solutions that go hand in hand with long term and sustainable transformation of food systems.

The point concerning the need to ensure that CFS policy outcomes are demand-driven, informed by scientific evidence and appropriate to different contexts, needs and priorities, is acknowledged.

Switzerland

The CFS Secretariat acknowledges the comments on the Policy Recommendations on Agroecological and other Innovative Approaches and the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE-FSN) report produced on this topic as well as on the need to strengthen the linkages between CFS policy convergence work and the science-based contributions of the HLPE-FSN.

We welcome the positive comments regarding the content and the potential of the Policy Recommendations on Youth as well as on the inclusive process that led to their endorsement at CFS 50. The point concerning the need to promote their use and application at country level is noted.

The CFS Secretariat stresses the importance of strengthening collaboration with or leveraging existing food security and nutrition multi-stakeholder platforms and institutions to implement coordinated actions and interventions to address malnutrition in all its forms, with particular attention to the most vulnerable segments of the population.

Canada

The CFS Secretariat welcomes the positive comments on the potential of the Policy Recommendations on Youth as well as on the need for all relevant actors to promote their application at country level.

We further welcome the recognition of the need to advance gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment as a key step towards addressing food insecurity and malnutrition and the support that Canada provided in the finalization of the negotiations of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on this matter.

The CFS Secretariat underlines the increasing attention by CFS stakeholders on promoting dissemination and use of CFS policy tools at country level and takes note of the suggestion to strengthen linkages and partnerships with relevant stakeholders to increase CFS impact on the ground.

New Zealand

The CFS Secretariat thanks New Zealand for its active engagement in the work of CFS and for serving as a member of the Bureau for the current biennium.

We note the support provided for the endorsement of the Policy Recommendations on Youth as well as the intention to support their implementation.

We acknowledge the support provided by New Zealand in the finalization of the negotiations of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Gender.

Germany

The CFS Secretariat appreciates Germany's active engagement in the work of CFS and its commitment to further strengthening CFS through additional financial support.

We note the request to further promote CFS's inclusive approach and policy outcomes including through contributing to the UN Food Systems Summit follow-up process.

The CFS Secretariat takes note of the encouragement to set up an inclusive process to discuss how to foster efforts to increase global awareness and use of CFS policy products.

European Union

The CFS Secretariat thanks the European Union (EU) for its active engagement in the work of the CFS.

We note the EU's comment on the importance of the HLPE-FSN in providing evidence-based analyses, facilitating policy-debates and informing exchanges between CFS Members and stakeholders.

The CFS Secretariat thanks the EU for its positive comments on the uptake of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition as a useful tool to promote sustainable and resilient food systems and the

call on FAO and the Rome-based Agencies (RBAs) to continue supporting the CFS as a symbol of joint ownership, shared commitment and effective RBA collaboration.

Japan

The CFS Secretariat welcomes the “G7 Hiroshima Leaders’ Communiqué” and “Hiroshima Action Statement for Resilient Global Food Security”.

We would like to thank Japan for its commitment to contribute to ensuring global food security through the CFS and note its ongoing initiatives towards the implementation of the CFS Policy Recommendations on Youth.