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Statement on behalf of the Farmers' constituency.

Item V. State of food insecurity in the world and the 2030 Agenda

Madam Chairperson,

WFO presents its compliments to the CFS Chair, Secretariat and the Member States for the excellent work dispensed in the different subjects treated and in particular on the CFS engagement in advancing the 2030 Agenda.

WFO is representing a coalition of international, regional and sub regional farmer Organizations, from all over the World. Indeed, I have the honor to speak on behalf of the farmers' constituency. I am Bjørn Gimming. I am an active Norwegian Farmer and elected Vice President of all Norwegian Farmers.

We are glad to participate to the works of CFS Bureau and Advisory Group; we highly appreciate this opportunity and we will support the Committee along with other CFS stakeholders towards the achievement of food security.

We highly welcome the report on "Monitoring Food Security and Nutrition in Support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", jointly prepared by FAO, IFAD and WFP. The report shows the importance of monitoring the progress towards Sustainable Development, to end hunger and rural poverty and to achieve food security by sustainable agriculture.

Food production lies at the very heart of the 2030 Agenda. Indeed, Farmers are the key in the global fight against hunger and malnutrition. Therefor farmers must be involved in the process of defining indicators to measure the progress towards the SDGs. We farmers are able and willing to contribute to this and all other actions of CFS.

The 2030 Agenda and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals call for a new approach with partnerships among all stakeholders. This is particularly relevant for policy development, which directly impacts the achievement of many of the ambitious goals. Implementation is country-driven but all stakeholders at all levels are collectively responsible to ensure that no-one is left behind, also on international level and in the CFS.

Farmers are ready to support you in the indicator formulation as well as in the monitoring. And our organizations can effectively support governments in collecting evident data at country level.

For these reasons, farmers must be at the center of all policy and multi-stakeholder debates, at all levels, in the implementation and monitoring to really achieve sustainable development in very practical terms.

Thank you, Chair.

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