Rome, 31 October 2018

Dear CFS Stakeholder,

I would like to recall the Plenary discussion on “Critical and Emerging Issues in Food Security and Nutrition (FSN) – Towards a Strategic Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2020-2023”, during which many participants welcomed the second HLPE Note on Critical and Emerging Issues as a solid basis for future discussions on the CFS programme of work.

Following that Plenary session, and my pledge to prepare a summary of the various interventions, please find attached for your reference the full transcription of the discussions we had when tackling that item, as well as a list of issues which is drawn from the transcription of that session.

Both the list and the transcription are expected to support the kick-start of the process leading to the endorsement of the strategic MYPoW 2020-2023 by CFS 46 in October 2019, as well as provide some initial thoughts and a basis for further discussions in coming months.

Yours sincerely,

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**List of issues drawn from the discussion in Plenary:**

a) Income inequalities and access to resources as an important obstacle for sustainable development and FSN for all

b) Conflicts, shocks and crises as key drivers of food insecurity and malnutrition, international migration and internal displacement

c) Agroecological innovations as a way to contribute to sustainable food systems and to food security and nutrition

d) Youth engagement and employment in agriculture, the role of young people in policy-making

e) The articulation of the governance of food systems at different levels and across different sectors and the transformation of food systems for food sovereignty

f) Urbanization and rural transformation, considering the challenges and opportunities behind increased rural-urban interlinkages and the linkages with innovations and technology to make agriculture and rural areas more attractive

g) Climate variability and extreme weather events with their impact on availability, access and management of natural resources, including water

h) Women’s empowerment and gender equality in the context of food security and nutrition

i) Data Collection and Analysis Tools

j) Resilience of market Systems and risk management tools

k) Contribution of family farming to food security and nutrition

l) Human rights approaches to food security and nutrition