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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*