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1c) Decision Box on Smallholders to Markets:
The CSM Working Group that participated in the negotiations, has seen the result of the negotiations as generally positive. A more specific assessment is still under way. Regarding the decision box, the CSM generally supports the proposed text, but suggests to improve the description of the follow-up to the policy recommendations by introducing the following language to the paragraph d)

d) encourages all stakeholders to document experiences and lessons from using these recommendations and requests the CFS MYPOW OEWG to consider in a future plenary session work programme inclusion of a stock-taking event, subject to available resources, to share lessons and assess progress in the use and application continued relevance, effectiveness and impact of the recommendations;

These changes would make clear that a future plenary session would include a stock-taking event on the use and application of the recommendations. There is no need to include a suggestion for a new workstream into the future MYPOW. The decision to include a stock-taking event can be taken within the annual planning of the CFS Plenary in the regular meetings of the CFS Bureau and Advisory Group.

Two additional remarks:

- we believe that interpretation during CFS negotiations is fundamental. The lack of interpretation provided by the CFS, as experienced during these negotiations, should not be repeated.
- The new methodology for negotiations, as applied during the negotiations on smallholders to markets, should be carefully evaluated, before applied in another occasion.