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The CSM welcomes the opportunity to speak in support of the Global Strategic Framework, and to reaffirm our commitment to promoting its use as the underlying framework of the all decisions and policy processes of the CFS. We have agreed with the process thus far which does not renegotiate agreed upon text, and focuses more on making the GSF more accessible.

The GSF is the overarching framework and the only living document of the CFS. However, the GSF has not been sufficiently disseminated and we welcome this priority in the upcoming workplan of the OEWG. As communication and dissemination, do not necessarily equate to implementation, we welcome the call in the decision box for all CFS actors to “promote and make use” of the GSF.

The strategy on the way forward in the coming working group sessions should include a discussion on:

1. how governments and their platforms, ministries and national agencies can better use the GSF,
2. how the RBAs and their national and regional offices can better support and integrate the GSF into their work, and
3. how other actors including civil society can better contribute to this as well.

The GFS in its current form represents the widest agreed upon document in the fight of humanity against hunger. Thus disseminating the GFS through both government and civil society mechanisms should be given highest priority in terms of political will and allocating sufficient funds for this task. The task of ending hunger and achieving food security should come before all other priorities.

Thus we would also like to remind governments, that the GSF is the basis and main reference for a comprehensive monitoring of the use and application of CFS decisions to achieve the vision of the CFS of a world free from hunger where the right to adequate food is realized. Here a specific effort should be made to link the communications and dissemination strategy of the GSF with the work of the OEWG on monitoring.

We look forward to the continued discussion on the GSF to open discussions with the civil society actors in order to transform the general guidelines into specific policies that address each countries priorities to achieve food security., Finally we call upon all present in the CFS to better utilizing the GSF, to collectively improve policy coordination, convergence and coherence as well as mutual accountability