CFS POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROMOTING YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS FOR FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION – DRAFT DECISION

MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The Committee considers document CFS 2022/50/9 “CFS Policy Recommendations on Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems” and CFS 2022/50/10 “CFS Policy Recommendations on Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems - Draft Decision”, as presented by Ambassador Pio Wennubst (Switzerland), Rapporteur of the policy convergence process.

2. The Committee:

   a) endorses CFS 2022/50/9 “CFS Policy Recommendations on Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems for food security and nutrition” as a key, inter-governmentally-agreed, voluntary and non-binding, global policy framework in support of country-led efforts towards achieving food security and nutrition;

   b) expresses its deepest appreciation for the effective leadership of the Rapporteur, and commends the work of the HLPE to prepare the report on “Promoting youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems”;

   c) welcomes the keynote intervention by […] on the importance of seizing the opportunities for youth engagement and employment in agriculture and food systems, while at the same time addressing the complex and multidimensional challenges faced by young people;

   d) encourages all CFS stakeholders to support and promote at all levels within their constituencies, and in collaboration with other relevant initiatives and platforms, the dissemination, use, and application of these Policy Recommendations to support the development, enhancement and implementation of coordinated and multi-sectoral national policies, laws, programmes, regulatory frameworks, investment plans, and various regional food security and nutrition initiatives;

   e) encourages all stakeholders to document lessons learned from using the Policy Recommendations and to share progress and experiences with the Committee in order
to assess their continued relevance, effectiveness, and impact – in line with the standard monitoring practice of the Committee;

f) decides to transmit the Policy Recommendations to the Governing Bodies of FAO, WFP and IFAD for their further consideration regarding supporting their utilization at country level, in line with country requests and pursuant to Rule XXXIII, paragraph 17, of the General Rules of the Organization and Rule X, paragraph 1, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and in accordance with paragraph 22 of the CFS Reform Document;

g) decides to request the United Nations General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, to encourage the wide dissemination and implementation of the Policy Recommendations among all relevant UN Organizations and Agencies, consistent with Rule XXXIII, paragraph 15, of the General Rules of the Organization, Rule X, paragraph 4, of the CFS Rules of Procedure, and paragraph 21 of the CFS Reform Document;

h) agrees to include these Policy Recommendations in the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition (CFS GSF).