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Thank you very much, I will speak in Portuguese, to represent our cultural and linguistic diversity. I would like to congratulate the representative of South Africa for her election, it is encouraging to see a woman being elected to such a significant position in terms of global food governance.

The Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSIPM), a diverse and pluralistic mechanism, made up of 11 sectors and 17 sub-regions around the world, expresses solidarity with the people from Palestine. We would like to call for peace and the construction of solutions based on dialogue. The civilian population cannot continue to have their rights violated and dying. It is necessary that we halt the attacks and the pressures to ensure the humanitarian assistance necessary to guarantee food, water and the restoration of a dignified life.

As we have warned in the past, food cannot be a weapon of war. However, we see the situation worsening. Food has been used as an instrument of torture, oppression and demeaning treatment. There are many parts of the world where an increase on conflicts are detrimental to the realisation of the right to food. As CSIPM our message to the CFS is that peace should be the way forward in order to eradicate hunger and thirst, and that the CFS now has a strengthened opportunity today to promote in a coordinated way the right to food as a tool to respond to multiple crises.

We have also gleaned from our active listening processes that there has been a rise in debts, and an increase concentration of power and land by corporations, migration and forced displacement, which are causes of growing inequalities that have come out of our discussions as root factors of the crises. It is necessary to remember that inequalities have historical and structural causes. Efforts are still insufficient for us to be able to live free from sexism, racism, xenophobia, gender-based violence, and violence on sexual orientation, gender identity and physical diversity. Feedback from our communities and territories highlights a sense of urgency for concrete actions and pragmatic measures to address critical issues so that we can live free from hunger and thirst.

We recognise the challenge ahead to understand their interdependencies with food systems. But while a few benefit, many more go hungry. In the CSIPM we believe in the importance of dialogue with other civil society spaces and Indigenous Peoples fora for advancing struggles on these aspects of global governance, in order to strengthen a coordination approach that offers comprehensive, deep and focused responses based on the human right to adequate food. We thus call for a genuine dialogue on how to incorporate these elements into the next Multi-Year Programme of Work. And also how we can advance a corporate accountability framework in this democratic space, which clearly distinguishes human rights holders from duty bearers, at a time where we see multi-stakeholder approaches on the rise.

Finally, we bring from our cosmology the reference to the orixá Omolu, who is dedicated to healing and care. It is time to heal our policies so that our existence, as an ethical-civilising project, can be sustained in the realisation of a full and well-lived life.

I will now give the floor to my colleague Musa Sowe for greeting the new elected Chair.

Thank you very much. We want to extend our deepest gratitude to the new Chair of the CFS. She is a good fit for the job, we want to congratulate her. On behalf of the CSIPM, we would

pray for her to give her strength to carry on the work, she is a very good person for this particular job. We want to clarify that she would do a lot for the CFS in the future.