



**Statement on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States**

**52nd Committee on World Food Security**

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**Item V: CFS strategic direction towards 2030: The Multi-Year Programme of Work (MYPoW) 2024-2027 Update of the Rolling Section with Draft Decision**

Madam Chair,

1. I am honoured to speak on behalf of the European Union and its 27 Member States
2. Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Iceland, Monaco, San Marino, Serbia and Türkiye align themselves with this statement.
3. The European Union and its 27 Member States consider the CFS MYPoW 2024-2027, which was endorsed at the CFS 51 Plenary in October 2023, an extremely important document that guides the topics to be addressed by the Committee on World Food Security.
4. We welcome the outcome of the work carried out during the 2023-2024 intersessional period and duly endorse document CFS 2024/52/7, "CFS MYPoW 2024-2027 Update of the Rolling Section".
5. We also welcome the initiative for an in-depth debate on enhancing awareness, ownership, use, and usefulness of the CFS policy outcomes, and appreciate the role of the Bureau and its Advisory Group in defining a clear workplan and timeline for this debate. The formation of an Open-Ended Working Group is a commendable step, as it allows for broader engagement and collaboration.
6. The EU and its 27 Member States consider the activities outlined for the 2024-2027 period under the Action Plan crucial for enhancing the CFS's visibility and impact.
7. We welcome the overview table of additional extra-budgetary resources and estimated extra-budgetary costs, which gives a transparent summary of certain finances. In this context, we wish to underline the need to apply the Rome-based agencies' safeguards against any potential conflict of interest regarding CFS funding.

8. We strongly encourage the three Rome-based agencies to provide all necessary technical support to the CFS and to honour their verbal commitment to share the costs of the CFS Secretariat budget equally. RBAs should not consider the CFS as a financial burden, but rather as a great resource, bearing in mind that the CFS policy products represent a huge value to rely on and benefit from. The collaboration between the CFS and the RBAs is vital for symbolising joint ownership and demonstrating a shared commitment to the CFS mandate.
9. In conclusion, the EU and its 27 Member States stand ready to collaborate with all stakeholders to support implementation of the CFS MYPoW 2024-2027 and to contribute to the ongoing efforts to elevate the impact of CFS outcomes, ensuring that they are effectively incorporated into global and regional food security strategies.
10. Together, we can enhance our collective efforts towards achieving food security and nutrition for all.

Thank you, Madam Chair

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