

**Statement by the Private Sector Mechanism
On the Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition
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Thank you Madam Chairperson. Your Excellencies, distinguished diplomats, ladies and gentlemen, my name is Carel du Marchie Sarvaas of Health for Animals. It is a pleasure to address the floor on behalf of the Private Sector Mechanism. The PSM applauds the efficient update of regarding Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition and we wish to congratulate the Brazilian Representation for their strong leadership of the CFS in this important area.

The Private Sector Mechanism is deeply committed to the practical implementation of the CFS outcomes on the ground. Our delegation in Rome this year is comprised of 130 delegates who together represent an enormous and diverse contribution to global food security. We are farmers, fishers, investors, input providers, cooperatives, animal health experts, processors, small and medium enterprises, and transnational corporations.

The Global Strategic Framework is of extreme relevance to our agenda as business leaders of all sizes, doubly so due to the unique multi-stakeholder model employed at CFS. The members of our network learn about the work as set out in the GSF through monthly newsletters, regular group calls, and nine specific work groups that work in parallel with the CFS on the key areas of work. Private sector actors are carefully observing and engaging in developments at the CFS, something which we only wish to continue doing, and if possible, expand.

The Private Sector Mechanism sees the GSF as a key support tool for the CFS at this unique time of change. The adoption of the UN Sustainable Development Goals in New York last month has placed food security higher on the international agenda than ever before, and the CFS will need to respond accordingly. We hope to see deeper commitments to partnerships on the ground, a greater focus on operationalisation of CFS products, more efficient negotiations; and the promotion by all of us of the cross-cutting relevance of the CFS to other global processes.

We would like thank the country delegations for their important work regarding the GSF and we strongly support the calls from many countries in highlighting the importance of including all policy documents verbatim in the full GSF report. Again, we particularly recognize the delegation from Brazil for their participation and leadership through this process.