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I am speaking on behalf of Food and Agriculture Cluster of the NGO major group, Biovision, the Millenium Institute and my own organisation World Vision.

A lot has been said about the success of the post-2015 development agenda and just as this success is quite often linked to financing, we cannot underscore that such success also depends on strong, open, accessible, inclusive and participatory mechanisms. Furthermore, progress of this agenda needs to be reviewed, monitored and accounted by a range of multi stakeholders that includes Governments, independent bodies with relevant knowledge and the people whose lives are at stake under this agenda.

The High Level Political Forum needs to play a key oversight role in the follow up and review of this agenda at global level. It needs to develop an effective monitoring and accountability framework while taking into account existing mechanisms and processes in the different are but also raising the bar as regards to participation of children and young people in these mechanisms and spaces.

On these existing mechanisms, we in particular would like to call on Member States to consider the Committee on World Food Security as a platform for thematic review on the progress towards achieving food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture, livestock and food systems. In addition, we would like to highlight the inclusive nature of the CFS, where all stakeholders sit around the table, as well as its role in facilitating multi-stakeholder country-initiated assessments on food security, nutrition and sustainable food systems.

Other global mechanisms like the Universal Periodic Review in the Human Rights Council can also be cited, particularly that it has provided space for children and young people to participate in such reviews. Other practices at regional level can also be cited but due to time constraints here I will not cite them.

Children and young people, including the most marginalized, need to be engaged in public and social accountability mechanisms to make the agenda effective, relevant and responsive to their needs and concerns.

In concluding, we wish to thank the ambassador of the Netherlands for his acknowledgement of the importance of children participation in the post 2015 agenda and for all children to be able to know what we are doing here. Children have been painfully absent on the speeches and proposals over the last 2 days. This agenda needs to speak to children and young people whose lives will be affected by either its success or failure.