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Excellency,

In response to your letter dated 27 September 2016 inviting me, in my capacity as Chair of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), to offer substantive inputs to the 2017 meeting of the High Level Political Forum (HLPF), I have the honour of conveying the attached contribution on the work of CFS.

The Committee on World Food Security is the foremost inclusive intergovernmental platform for all stakeholders to work together for food security and nutrition policies. Supported by a joint Secretariat comprising representatives of all three Rome based Agencies, FAO, IFAD and WFP, the Committee allows the participation of a variety of stakeholders –representatives of UN agencies, civil society, private sector and philanthropic foundations, agricultural research, and financial institutions- alongside Members who retain the decision-making prerogative. The Committee is supported in its work by evidence-based advice from the CFS High Level Panel of Experts (CFS-HLPE). CFS reports annually to the UN General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted in September 2015 calls for a global shift in the approach to development and provides a new framework for countries to implement their commitments eradicating hunger and malnutrition and leaving no one behind. The 2030 Agenda explicitly recognizes the important role and inclusive nature of CFS to advance food security and nutrition and particularly refers to the inclusive and multi-sectorial mandate of the Committee. At its 42nd Session, CFS decided to put the 2030 Agenda at the center of its efforts. It endorsed, in October 2016 a strategy to support global and country-led efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda by developing policy convergence tools to assist policy integration efforts; sharing lessons and exchanging good practices and challenges in advancing food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture in the context of the 2030 Agenda; and contributing to global follow-up and review efforts through thematic progress review discussions, based on UN monitoring reports, and interactions with the HLPF.

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The attached contribution was developed through an inclusive process involving CFS members and stakeholders. It is introduced by a few key messages, and follows your suggested template. It provides an assessment of the situation regarding food security and nutrition and its impact on sustainable development; identifies remaining gaps and challenges to be tackled in priority; shares useful lessons learned within the Committee since its reform; suggests a number of emerging issues, many of which the Committee has already started addressing in its current activities; points to guidance which could usefully result from HLPF deliberations; and summarizes CFS policy convergence products which can directly assist countries achieve a number of sustainable development goals (particularly those related to poverty eradication and prosperity, and those goals under in-depth review) in an integrated manner.

It is my hope that this contribution will usefully support the global thematic review, as well as in-depth reviews of SDG1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14 and 17 of the High Level Political Forum meeting in July 2017. I hope that it will contribute to raising awareness among all members and stakeholders on the fact that no development can possibly be sustainable or meaningful while some in the world are still left hungry, malnourished or in extreme poverty. I remain available to present the key messages developed by CFS members and stakeholders, the inclusive policy tools developed by the Committee to assist country policy integration efforts, or provide any other information needed, and wish you all success in hosting this crucial meeting of the High Level Political Forum.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amira Gornass', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Amira Gornass  
Chair  
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