



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

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Item 17: Status of implementation of decisions taken at the 169th (8 April 2022) and 170th (13-17 June 2022) Sessions of the Council

Madam/ Mr 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, Montenegro, The Republic of North Macedonia, San Marino and Ukraine align themselves with this statement.
3. We thank FAO for updating Member States on the status of implementation of the decisions taken at the 169th and 170th Sessions of the Council.
4. The European Union and its Member States take note with appreciation of the various detailed briefing notes and publications provided by FAO on the **impact of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine on global food security**, accessible to the public on the FAO website. We invite FAO to also update the July 2022 '*note on the impact of the war on food security in Ukraine*', in line with the commitment to give quarterly updates. Furthermore, we thank FAO for the brief evaluation of the impact at regional level. For a better understanding of the differentiated impacts, we invite FAO to provide more detailed data specifically targeted to each region.
5. Secondly, we appreciate the information concerning FAO's ongoing '**Response to COVID-19: Building to transform**'. We welcome the extension of the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Programme to July 2023 and ask for clarification on which actions are being taken within the seven key priority areas.
6. Thirdly, concerning the **Programme Implementation Report 2021-22** we note FAO's advocacy for unearmarked or lightly earmarked voluntary contributions, and highlight the importance of aligning the various new financial approaches with the Agenda 2030 and

its SDGs.

7. Finally, the European Union and its Member States see the **UN Food Systems Coordination Hub's Food Systems Solutions Dialogues** as a useful platform to exchange views on the undertakings following from the UN Food Systems Summit. This format could also be helpful for preparing the 2023 Stocktaking event.

Thank you, Madam/ Mr Chair.
