

Statement by France, Germany and Switzerland

OWG11

Focus area 2. Sustainable agriculture, food security and nutrition

Mr Co-Chair,

Ending hunger, ensuring food and nutrition security as well as sustainable agriculture is a growing challenge for all countries and should be addressed prominently in the SDGs.

We reiterate our support for a goal related to the realisation of the right to food, by **ending hunger, ensuring food security and nutrition for all and sustainable agriculture** based on the UN Secretary-General's "Zero hunger Challenge".

We believe that the first five targets in the working document, based on the Zero hunger Challenge, are central. We fully support the first two targets on access to adequate food all year round as well as on ending malnutrition in all its forms. In line with the proposal by the Rome-based agencies, we also propose including overnutrition and obesity.

Regarding target c), d), and e), we suggest using the **wording proposed by the Rome-based agencies**, adding a specific reference to **secure tenure of land**, property, natural resources and other productive assets that support their well-being and livelihood, and equal access to financial services for all women and men.

In addition we would suggest, to relocate target e) from focus area 14 in order to address the important issue of **land and soil degradation** under this goal.

We would also like to stress the importance of increasing the income and employment in rural areas, especially for youth and women. It is also essential to mention **resilience to climate change and disasters**, and **resource-efficiency** including food waste and losses.

We would also like to highlight that sustainable agricultural food production systems, food security and nutrition are closely linked to other issues. The targets that we have chosen to highlight here also contribute to the achievement of other goals, in particular goals on poverty eradication, health, water and sanitation, energy,

economic growth, employment and decent work, sustainable consumption and production as well as ecosystems and biodiversity.