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DRAFT INTERVENTION BY BHUTAN
ON BEHALF OF BHUTAN-THAILAND-VIETNAM TROIKA ON SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION

Mr. Co-Chair,

I speak on behalf of the Troika representing Thailand, Vietnam and Bhutan and align our remarks with the statement made by Bolivia on behalf of G77&China.

1. On FA2, we are pleased to note the overall revisions, as the focus area continues to emphasize the need for raising agricultural productivity, food security and addressing hunger and nutrition, all of which remain critical towards eradicating poverty.
2. While providing access to nutritious food for all year round could be a challenge, efforts could be focused on promoting staple crops that are high in micronutrients.
3. We are also pleased to see the added focus and specificity on the target on malnutrition and stunting.
4. We note the revision on the target, 2C on agricultural productivity, but given its importance, it may not be advisable to lump the other important issues, such as on the use of water, chemicals and energy into one target as these are dealt in other FAs specifically 6, 7 and 9. We would support a specific target that focuses on increasing production and agricultural productivity to improve food security and nutrition.
5. Under the means of implementation, the Trioka considered the following.
 - a. Promote commercialization of agriculture by strengthening demand driven research and development efforts for generation of appropriate technologies on agriculture and create greater access to affordable modern equipments for farming.
 - b. Encourage private sector involvement to enhance commercialization of agricultural. This would also provide the incentive for engaging in commercial farming thereby improving yeild from this sector and

facilitating out pursuit of food security.

- c. Invest and institutionalize the management of market infrastructure (collection centers, storages, cold chains, weekend markets, city market roads and transport)
- d. And reduce trade distorting agriculture subsidies as mentioned by many other troikas earlier.

Thank you, Mr. Co-Chair.