



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

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Item 4.2: The Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture (GIEWS)

Madam/Mr Chair,

1. I am honoured to speak on behalf of the EU and its 27 Member States.
2. The candidate countries Albania, Republic of Moldova, Türkiye and Ukraine and the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina align themselves with this statement.
3. We welcome the FAO work conducted on the Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture. The global food security situation has significantly deteriorated over the past few years and it is projected that this worrying trend will worsen as a result of the Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, with the ensuing prices hikes and trade disruptions. We are also seeing the adverse effects of climate change and extreme weather, with the ensuing decreased yield projections, as well as the lasting impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. We support GIEWS activities providing comprehensive market intelligence on key food commodities and monitoring food production, consumption, trade flows (imports and exports) and changes in stocks in all countries, with particular attention to Low-Income Food-Deficit Countries (LIFDCs). In this regard, we highly appreciate the close cooperation with the G20 Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS) thanks to which GIEWS is able to provide up-to-date analysis.

5. We acknowledge the potential of new digital tools and platforms developed by GIEWS. The Agricultural Stress Index provides an early identification of cropland areas with a high likelihood of water stress or drought. We appreciate GIEWS intensified work on the Food Price Monitoring and Analysis Tool, which tracks prices of basic food commodities in many countries, particularly in developing countries and LIFDCs.
6. Coordination at international and multilateral level is also of utmost importance in order to prevent a further deterioration of the global food security situation. We support GIEWS participation in the alliance of the Global Network against Food Crises and cooperation with the G20 Group on Earth Observations Global Agriculture Monitoring (GEOGLAM).
7. Finally, we support further efforts by GIEWS to develop remote-sensing-based tools and methods in order to strengthen monitoring of the growing conditions of primary cereals and generate in-season yield forecasts. This should allow international and national authorities to better predict market shortfalls or shocks in order to strengthen the resilience of agriculture and food systems.

Thank you, Madam/Mr Chair.
