

## Cover Letter for Summary of GSF Consultation

Dear All,

At the beginning of September, a special consultation meeting was organized and conducted by the CSM Working Group in GSF to discuss and develop a joint civil society position regarding the GSF. The meeting was attended by members of the Coordination Committee Working Group in the GSF, as well as representatives of food-producer and provider organizations, and other organizations with specialized knowledge in food security and nutrition governance.

In order for everyone to be aware of the discussion taken place, its outcomes, and especially the further short and long-term steps to be taken towards the GSF process, you will find in attachment the summary of the event, which systematizes the main elements discussed.

At this moment, the GSF Working Group is producing the CSM political statement which includes the opinions received from the civil society autonomous consultation realized during August, and it's the result of the work done during our special consultation. This document includes the vision, expectations and challenges of the social organizations in order to turn the GSF into the most important platform, involving all actors in decision making and promoting a new paradigm in a governance based on more democratic States, policy coherence with human rights and dignity, respect of sovereignty of the peoples and the right of participation of the civil society and social movements, especially of the small food producers. The document reaffirms the role of the State and proposes policies based on the evidences demonstrated in the IAASTD and on the document: 'Policies and actions to eradicate the hunger', which gather the special recommendations of the synthesis and final declaration of the Forum Nyeleni on Food Sovereignty. In addition, it established clearly the need of accountability and monitoring instruments at national and international level.

The draft version will be sent out on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September to the Coordination Committee of CSM for discussion and approval at the upcoming CSM Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of October in Rome. The 28<sup>th</sup>September version will be translated in Spanish and French and can be sent out on behalf of your organizations to the facilitator of the CFS online consultation. Once this draft is

approved by the CSM in its meeting, the final political statement will be presented during the CFS 37<sup>th</sup> session.

Best regards

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