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I speak on behalf of IBFAN, a global network of 273 organisations working to protect, promote and support breastfeeding and Infant and Young Child Feeding.

FIAN International supports this statement.

We thank WHO for its report on the Second International Conference on Nutrition. As a member of a CSO/SM coalition, we accompanied the entire ICN2 process. Our coalition sees the ICN2 Political Declaration and the Framework for Action a welcome step, yet, inadequate to confront the scale of the global malnutrition challenge.

Through this optic, we reviewed the WHO's proposals regarding the agency's role in the ICN2 follow up. We appreciate the clarity on the technical services WHO plans to provide to Member States.

We, however, have a concern regarding the inconsistency between the section on joint UN mechanisms and that on multistakeholder engagement. The latter inaccurately portrays the Committee on the World Food Security (CFS) by referring to this body as a multistakeholder forum, which it is not. The CFS reform document clearly stipulates that CFS "is and remains an intergovernmental Committee in FAO". "Voting and decision taking is the exclusive prerogative of Members."<sup>1</sup> We are thus concerned to see CFS grouped together with the Scaling up Nutrition and the NCD Coordinating Mechanism. None of these entities are an intergovernmental body and neither is appropriate as a global governance mechanism for nutrition.

The Statement by civil society organisations and social movements issued at the ICN2 recognizes the CFS as a key actor in the follow up to the ICN2. We understand that this proposal resonates with the international community. Thus the strengthening of the WHO's role in the CFS work by including WHO into CFS Secretariat and Advisory Group would contribute to WHO's capacity to fulfil its envisaged role in nutrition.

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<sup>1</sup> CFS:2009/2 Rev.2 .