

Thank you Madame Chair for the opportunity to speak, as representative of the over 150 member CSO ICN2 group

With reference to paragraph 11abis, we strongly suggest adding the word “protection” in order to ensure coherence with the co-chairs proposed text in green for 13.e, so that it reads *“by promoting protecting and supporting adequate care and feeding practices, including exclusive breastfeeding during the first 6 months, and continued breastfeeding until 2 years of age and beyond with appropriate complementary feeding”*.

Furthermore, in relation to this concern and in line with the agreed text mentioning the recommendations on the marketing of food and non alcoholic beverages to children adopted at WHA, we note the absence, in para 11e, of the International Code of marketing of breastmilk substitutes and relevant subsequent WHA resolutions. This is a key international instrument to ensure protection of infant and young child feeding against commercial pressures and to ensure correct and unbiased consumer information. We strongly urge that the International Code and WHA subsequent relevant resolutions be added to this paragraph.

In relation to 11 i – a proposal could be to begin with ‘food and nutrition and related policies impacting on nutrition, should pay special attention to ...’

ICN2 is uniquely placed to send a powerful message to other intergovernmental fora whose policies also have significant implications on food and nutrition policies – both within and outside of the UN system. While we appreciate the efforts over the last day and a half, and the great complexity of the work to hand, we believe that we have a great responsibility to ensure we agree an ambitious outcome. Indeed, the scale of the challenge of the triple burden of nutrition the world faces demands it.

Based on its broad experience on the ground and at national and global levels, civil society is well placed to help support the elaboration and implementation of the outcomes of ICN2. Indeed we remain committed to doing so. We urge MSs to today, take a leadership role in agreeing and finding a way forward for the FFA and which effectively includes CS.