PFM Philanthropic Foundations Mechanism

PFM Statement - ITEM III Building Resilient Food Systems. Matheus Alves Zanella.

- Thank you, Ambassador, for the floor, and congratulations on your position as Vice Chair. I am pleased to address the Plenary on behalf of the PFM.
- We welcome the extension of the Building Resilient Food Systems policy convergence process, and we hope this extension can ensure depth and quality of the final outcome, and give proper time for inclusive participation of all stakeholders, in line with the unique mandate of the CFS.
- The PFM is concerned about backtracking on agreed language and on agreed processes that was observed during the negotiations, particularly backtracking on endorsements made by stakeholders through this very committee. Of course, genuine shifts in national priorities are an important part of Members' sovereign right, but we want to recall the investment of time, effort and resources in the document so far as well as into prior policy products, and we recognise the potential far reaching influence of these guidelines in informing national legislation and programs. Representing the contributions of mechanisms and observers deeply involved in both the HLPE-FSN report and the CFS process, the state of the negotiated document so far is already the result of so much effort and care. We cannot afford to lose this investment and should move forward, not backwards.
- Even as the CFS policy recommendations continue to be negotiated, philanthropies are supporting organisations leading the shift towards resilient food systems - such as those leading agroecological transitions, those pushing for stronger land tenure rights, and those helping smallholder food producers adapt to climate shocks. The philanthropic sector will continue to invest in these initiatives, but for this investment to be successful and deepen its impact, we hope this can happen in an environment of shared commitment - one that leads to a useful and collaborative policy product that our members can point to. We look forward to continuing to

participate in this extended process, and we eagerly await the policy recommendations from this process to help further align our investments with global policy frameworks and support coherence, rather than working in parallel.

- Thank you.