**Invitation to an open discussion**

**on the political outcome document of the ICN2**

**Comment Form**

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1. **General comments on the Draft of the Rome Declaration on Nutrition.**

1. **Specific comments on the paragraphs related to the multiple threats that malnutrition poses to sustainable development (paragraphs 4-10).**

**Proposal:** In response to the request for specific comments, we would suggest rewording paragraph 7 of the Draft Rome Declaration as follows:

*“7. Recognize that environmental and societal changes often have an impact on dietary and physical activity patterns, leading to higher susceptibility to obesity and noncommunicable diseases through increasingly sedentary lifestyles and greater consumption of  fat, especially saturated and trans-fats, sugars, and salt/sodium.”*

**Explanation:** We understand that not every processed food has high levels of fat, especially saturated and trans-fats, sugars, and salt/sodium. Furthermore, the consumption of nutrients that are considered critical comes from the diet as a whole and food preparations and some types of fresh foods can have high levels of these nutrients.

1. **Specific comments on the vision for global action to end all forms of malnutrition (paragraphs 11-12).**
2. **Specific comments in the appropriate fields relating to these commitments (paragraph 13):**

Commitment a): eradicate hunger and all forms of malnutrition, particularly to eliminate stunting, wasting and overweight in children under 5 and anemia in women; eliminating undernourishment and reversing rising trends in obesity;

Commitment b): reshape food systems through coherent implementation of public policies and investment plans throughout food value chains to serve the health and nutrition needs of the growing world population by providing access to safe, nutritious and healthy foods in a sustainable and resilient way;

Commitment c): take leadership to shape and manage food systems and improve nutrition by strengthening institutional capacity, ensuring adequate resourcing and coordinating effectively across sectors;

Commitment d): encourage and facilitate contributions by all stakeholders in society and promote collaboration within and across countries, including North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation;

Commitment e): enhance people’s nutrition, including people with special needs, through policies and initiatives for healthy diets throughout the life course, starting from the early stages of life, before and during pregnancy, promoting and supporting adequate breast feeding and appropriate complementary feeding, healthy eating by families, and at school during childhood;

Commitment f): adopt and implement a Framework for Action that should be used to monitor progress in achieving targets and fulfilling commitments;

Commitment g): integrate the objectives of the Framework for Action into the post-2015 development agenda including a possible global goal on food security and nutrition.

1. **We would also appreciate your vision on policies, programmes and investment that might help translate such commitments into action.**