

## Statement of public interest CSOs

Brief comments on the session.

In relation to paragraph 12 b ter we urge for the text proposed by Zambia, Africa Region (Geneva and Rome), Iran, and Algeria to be retained. Furthermore, in order for it to be in line with rights law it should open with:

1. Respecting, protecting and fulfilling the....

In relation to paragraph 12 c) ter: no text was agreed through the negotiations in Geneva and the debate was polarized. Further discussions could result in the deepening of the rift in positions, ultimately leading to elimination of the entire paragraph, despite the enormous relevance of the issue at hand. We therefore suggest that the language of paragraph 9 of the 1992 declaration be used to overcome this stalemate, as proposed by Venezuela, Egypt and South Africa.

We are concerned, together with GRULAC, that the paragraph 13 on commitment provides no timeframe. We support the insertion of “to achieve in the next 10 years”.

In relation to the paragraph 15, we support the inclusion of references to the Framework for Action and the Decade of Action on Nutrition, as this would indicate a commitment to a joint way forward and generate momentum for action.