

PSH

Thank you, chairman!

We see PSH as a critical element in maintaining food security for many countries.

A solution to the PSH negotiations puzzle can only be found if the interests of all the parties are considered and subject to flexibility and trust.

The variety of measures for procurement and release of stocks should be tailored to address the relevant objectives and not to threaten the food security of other members.

In order to strike a balance, we need to provide the transparency of the implemented measures and the overall PSH mechanism to avoid any trade distorting consequences.

We are willing to engage in further discussion on PSH in more details.

Thank you Chair

US Communication (Food Security)

Thank you chair

we appreciate the distributed document!

Today ensuring food security is definitely at the forefront of agricultural policies of the Members. As we have realized from the workshop food security concerns remain relevant for all the members regardless of the level of development and market position.

Based on that to effectively move on we need to **take into account the interests of all participants** of the market, i.e. not only the interests of net importers but also those of producers and exporters.

If we would like to provide global food security, we should proceed from the concept of joint common food security where each and every Member is secure.

As it was reasonably mentioned in the JOB/AG/241 that trade can play a crucial role in this process. We agree that smooth movement of agricultural products from food surplus regions to food deficit regions stabilizes markets by reducing the risk of food scarcity in domestic markets and mitigating food price volatility in both domestic and global markets. Therefore, removing the obstacles to international trade and facilitating shipments is a prerequisite for global food security.

In order to **guarantee the economically effective participation** of all the Members in achieving food security we need to guarantee the level playing field through all the dimensions. Not only should we succeed in elimination of relevant agricultural market distortions but to remove any impediments to access to factors of production such as technology, trade infrastructure (logistics, finance), capital (such as access to credit) . Under this conditions trade liberalization and facilitation would provide food security for all.

Russian Federation would like to note that achievement of short and long term food security goals should be carried out only in full compliance with WTO rules.

One of the guiding principles underlying the introduction of measures for the sake of legitimate objectives is an application of a science and evidence based approach. That should be relevant for the policies encouraging sustainable agriculture production.

We also call for a comprehensive approach to the concept of sustainable agriculture which has not only environmental, but also social and economic components.

Moreover, achievement of claimed sustainable goals should not cause food crises and an increase global hunger. We believe that introduction of sustainable elements in agriculture policy and production practices should be subject to their impact assessment on food security, in particular, on production, productivity and prices.

Russian Federation expresses its willingness to engage in the further negotiating process.

Thank you, Chair!

On the negotiations process

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First of all, we would like to recall that many years ago we have agreed on the goals of future negotiations that remain outstanding. In Punta del Este declaration Members committed that Negotiations shall aim to achieve greater liberalization of trade in agriculture and bring all measures affecting import access and export competition under strengthened and more operationally effective GATT rules and disciplines.

What we need to agree on - is the way forward to this goal. In this regard creating work program for further negotiations with identification of precise long-term objectives to achieve and a possible time frame can be considered as a step forward.

On the other side facing time constraints in front of us, we should focus on urgent and issues and meet the current emergencies of agricultural trade and look for an adequate coordinated response including actions mandated by the declaration on food insecurity.

We recognize that exchange of views and opportunity to discuss the bottlenecks and concerns are of great importance still we should strive to work on specific proposals containing technical details to organize substantive discussions with tangible results.

On the issue of food security, we would like to refer to our previously delivered statement.

Thank you chair.