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80/133. Agricultural technology for sustainable development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [78/144](#) of 19 December 2023,

Reaffirming its resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it adopted a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and its commitment to working tirelessly for the full implementation of the Agenda by 2030, its recognition that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development, and its commitment to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner, and to building upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seeking to address their unfinished business,

Welcoming the convening of the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development from 30 June to 3 July 2025 in Sevilla, Spain, and reaffirming its outcome document, the Sevilla Commitment, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution [79/323](#) of 25 August 2025, which sets forth a renewed global framework for financing for development, building on the 2015 Addis Ababa Action Agenda,¹ to close with urgency the estimated annual 4 trillion United States dollar financing gap,² and catalyse sustainable development investments at scale in developing countries and continue the reform of the international financial architecture through continued and strong commitment to multilateralism, international cooperation, and global solidarity,

¹ General Assembly resolution [69/313](#), annex.

² *Financing for Sustainable Development Report 2024* (United Nations publication, 2024), figure I.1.



Expressing concern about the high level of global hunger, which affected between 638 million and 720 million people in 2024,

Recognizing that sustainable, affordable and context-specific agricultural technology has a beneficial impact on and an important role in the successful implementation of the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda, and in that regard taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals,³ the *Global Sustainable Development Report* and the Secretary-General's strategy on new technologies,

Recognizing also that agricultural technologies, innovations and digitalization, including artificial intelligence, can be enablers of efforts to make agrifood systems more efficient, inclusive, equitable, resilient and sustainable and add value throughout the agrifood system by improving the sustainability of production, harvesting, storage, transport, trade, processing, transformation, retail, loss and waste reduction and recycling, as well as interactions among these processes, and that it is necessary to identify and analyse opportunities, risks and trade-offs associated with technologies and to ensure the availability, accessibility and affordability of relevant technologies for small-scale producers, in particular women, youth and Indigenous Peoples in rural areas, family farmers and all actors of the agrifood system,

Recalling the Rome Declaration on Nutrition, adopted at the Second International Conference on Nutrition,⁴ the United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016–2025)⁵ and its decision to extend the Decade⁶ and the United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030),⁷

Recalling also the United Nations Decade of Family Farming (2019–2028),⁸ noting the report on its implementation,⁹ and that sustainable agricultural technology, digitalization, as well as technological, social, economic, institutional and policy innovations, build on the knowledge, capacities and a science base to respond to the needs and realities of smallholder and family farmers, in particular women, youth and Indigenous Peoples in rural areas, and in that regard highlighting the importance of innovation-driven development and support to entrepreneurship and innovation that embraces both traditional good practices and new solutions, secures availability, access and affordability of technologies and innovations for family farmers, and welcoming new sustainable agricultural technologies and approaches that can increase productivity and food safety and resilience, contributing to their transition from subsistence farming to innovative commercial production and helping them to increase in a sustainable manner their own food security and nutrition, generate marketable surpluses and add value to their production,

Taking note with appreciation of the United Nations Food Systems Summit +4 Stocktaking Moment, convened by the Secretary-General from 27 to 29 July 2025 and co-hosted by the Governments of Ethiopia and Italy, in Addis Ababa;

Welcoming the convening of the forty-fourth Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, taking note of its outcomes, including its endorsement of the theme “Fostering innovation for food security” for the biennium 2026–2027, and recognizing its relevance for advancing inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems,

³ [A/80/81-E/2025/62](#).

⁴ World Health Organization, document EB136/8, annex I.

⁵ See resolution [70/259](#).

⁶ See resolution [79/276](#).

⁷ See resolution [73/284](#).

⁸ See resolution [72/239](#).

⁹ [A/80/276](#).

Stressing the need to design sustainable agrifood systems that conserve the natural resource base and enhance the provision of ecosystem services, while increasing productivity, and that respond to the challenges posed by, inter alia, climate change, biodiversity loss, the depletion and scarcity of natural resources, urbanization and globalization, and recognizing that agricultural technology, innovation and digitalization can contribute to food security and nutrition and help to build resilience,

Recognizing the need to further enhance the linkages and synergies between agricultural technology and sustainable agricultural practices, including agroecological and other innovative approaches, resource use efficiency, including sustainable use of existing domestic agricultural resources acknowledging diversity in circumstance, circular economy, recycling, optimizing external inputs, integration, crop rotation and diversification, no-tillage, soil health monitoring, agroforestry and regenerative agricultural practices, by effectively combining the safe use of appropriate technologies, including biotechnologies, with traditional and Indigenous knowledge, in order to design sustainable farming systems that strengthen the interactions between plants, animals, humans and the environment for food security and nutrition as well as promote the realization of the right to adequate food, enhance productivity, increase adaptive capacity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve nutrition, conserve the natural resource base and attain more sustainable and innovative agrifood systems,

Recognizing also that energy efficiency, including in agrifood systems and the use of renewable energy, is a key component in promoting, enhancing and supporting sustainable agriculture,

Recalling with concern the findings contained in the synthesis report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change sixth assessment report and the reports of the various working groups of the Panel,

Reaffirming the Paris Agreement¹⁰ and its early entry into force, encouraging all its Parties to fully implement the Agreement, and Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change¹¹ that have not yet done so to deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, where appropriate, as soon as possible,

Seriously concerned about the findings of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, and stressing the urgent need to step up efforts to prevent the loss of biological diversity and the degradation of land and soil and promote efforts for their conservation, restoration and sustainable use,

Recalling the adoption on 19 December 2022 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity,¹² welcoming the convening of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, held in Cali, Colombia, from 21 October to 1 November 2024, under the theme “Peace with nature”, as well as its two resumed sessions, held online from 3 to 6 December 2024 and in Rome from 25 to 27 February 2025, respectively, taking note of its adopted decisions, and looking forward to the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the meetings of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meetings of the Parties to the Protocols to the Convention to be held in Yerevan in 2026,

¹⁰ Adopted under the UNFCCC in [FCCC/CP/2015/10/Add.1](#), decision 1/CP.21.

¹¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

¹² United Nations Environment Programme, document [CBD/COP/15/17](#), decision 15/4, annex.

Recalling also the adoption of the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns by the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012,¹³

Welcoming the convening of the United Nations Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028, in New York from 22 to 24 March 2023, and looking forward to the 2026 United Nations Water Conference to Accelerate the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, to be co-hosted by Senegal and the United Arab Emirates, and the 2028 United Nations Conference on the Final Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action, “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018–2028, to be hosted by Tajikistan,

Recalling the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 30 November to 12 December 2023, noting the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties, held in Baku from 11 to 22 November 2024, and welcoming the convening of the thirtieth session of the Conference of Parties in Belém, Brazil, from 10 to 21 November 2025,

Recalling also the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017–2030,¹⁴ taking note of the Glasgow Leaders’ Declaration on Forests and Land Use, and acknowledging that forests and trees outside forests provide essential ecosystem services, such as timber, food, fuel, fodder, non-wood products and shelter, as well as soil and water conservation and clean air, and that forests and trees outside forests contribute substantially to climate change mitigation and adaptation and to the conservation of biodiversity, prevent land degradation and desertification and reduce the risk of floods, landslides and avalanches, droughts, dust and sand storms and other disasters,

Taking note with appreciation of the activities of the Technology Bank for the Least Developed Countries since its operationalization, including technology needs assessments, and encouraging continued support for the Bank,

Recognizing the rapid evolution in science and technological innovation, including digitalization, artificial intelligence and biotechnologies, and that the development of and open access to mega data and information will bring about profound changes in agricultural research and development, agricultural extension, advisory services and capacity-building in rural development,

Stressing the importance of rapid technological change in ensuring food security and nutrition by 2030, encouraging the adoption and scaling of the most advanced and appropriate information technology in agriculture systems, and calling for enhanced international cooperation to facilitate access and promote investment in research, technology and quality and resilient infrastructure,

Recognizing the need to mobilize and scale up financing for agriculture development and science, technology and innovation for agriculture, especially in developing countries, in support of the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 2,

Recognizing also that a systems approach to agricultural innovation is essential to ensure that innovations, including technologies and effective approaches, are

¹³ [A/CONF.216/5](#), annex.

¹⁴ See resolution [71/285](#).

evidence-based, are aligned towards common objectives, promote collaboration, address problems relevant to farmers, and offer incentives to, and the means to accelerate adoption by, smallholder and family farmers, and that it is essential to enable interactions and knowledge flows among the different stakeholders in agricultural innovation systems, including farmers' organizations, national agricultural research systems, extension and advisory services, governments, international organizations, the private sector and civil society,

Recalling the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Road map for digital cooperation", presented on 11 June 2020,¹⁵

Recalling also the creation of the Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board for Independent Advice on Breakthroughs in Science and Technology,

Stressing the need to support and strengthen information systems and statistical systems for better disaggregated data collection, including sex-disaggregated data, processing and interoperability, which will be key in monitoring progress in the adoption of sustainable agricultural technologies and their impact on improving food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture, and noting the Committee on World Food Security policy recommendations on strengthening collection and use of food security and nutrition data and related analysis tools to improve decision-making in support of the progressive realization of the right to adequate food in the context of national food security, adopted in October 2023,

Emphasizing that participatory research, in conjunction with effective, pluralistic, demand-driven and market-oriented extension and rural advisory services, is critical in order to ensure that agricultural technologies respond to the demands and needs of all farmers, including women, youth, Indigenous Peoples, smallholder and family farmers, especially in supporting more efficient, inclusive, equitable, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems that can deliver nutritious food,

Recalling the Sendai Declaration and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, adopted at the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction,¹⁶

Recalling also the Buenos Aires outcome document of the second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, held in Buenos Aires in March 2019,¹⁷

Welcoming the convening of the 2025 United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, co-hosted by Costa Rica and France and held in Nice, France, from 9 to 13 June 2025, at which its political declaration¹⁸ was adopted,

Recognizing that rapidly evolving technologies, digital public infrastructure, agricultural technology foresight, and innovation ecosystems, including platforms and hubs, are contributing to the adoption and scaling of sustainable agricultural technologies by smallholder farmers,

Recalling all relevant strategies and programmes of action for the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, including the Doha Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries,¹⁹

¹⁵ [A/74/821](#).

¹⁶ Resolution [69/283](#), annexes I and II.

¹⁷ Resolution [73/291](#), annex.

¹⁸ Resolution [79/314](#), annex.

¹⁹ Resolution [76/258](#), annex.

welcoming the Awaza Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2024–2034²⁰ and the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States: A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity,²¹ reaffirming the importance of supporting Agenda 2063 of the African Union and the programme of the New Partnership for Africa's Development,²² and recognizing the major challenge to the achievement of durable peace and sustainable development in countries in conflict and post-conflict situations,

Stressing the full, equal and meaningful participation, voice and leadership of women and girls in policymaking and decision-making at all levels, as well as the crucial and equal role of women in the agricultural sector and their contribution to enhancing agricultural and rural development, improving food security and nutrition and eradicating rural poverty, and underlining the fact that meaningful progress in agricultural and agricultural technology development necessitates, inter alia, closing the gender gap, introducing appropriate gender-responsive interventions at all stages in agricultural innovation processes, including at the policy level, and ensuring that women have equal access to agricultural technologies, related services and inputs and all necessary productive resources, including tenure rights and access to land, fisheries and forests, as well as to affordable education and training, social services, social protection, healthcare, health services and financial services, and full, equal and meaningful access to and participation in local, regional and international markets,

Recognizing that young people play a significant role in supporting sustainable economic growth and that agricultural technology, innovation and digitalization have an essential role to play in facilitating their access to agricultural skills, improving the livelihoods of youth, creating quality and decent jobs and contributing to the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, strengthening progress towards achieving the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals,

Acknowledging the role and work of civil society, the private sector and academia in furthering progress in developing countries and promoting sustainable agriculture and management practices, including through the use of appropriate agricultural technology, digitalization and the training of smallholder and family farmers, in particular rural women and Indigenous Peoples, and that multi-stakeholder partnerships can contribute to the financing of food security and nutrition as well as sustainable development by mobilizing additional resources through advocacy and innovative funding mechanisms and facilitating the coordinated and targeted use of existing resources, aligning them more effectively with global and national public priorities,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;²³
2. *Calls upon* Member States to include sustainable agricultural development as an integral part of their national policies and strategies, acknowledges the positive impact of international development cooperation, including North-South, triangular and South-South cooperation, as a complement to, not a substitute for, North-South cooperation, and urges the relevant bodies of the United Nations system to include elements of agricultural technology, innovation, research and extension in efforts to realize the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,²⁴ with a focus on the research and co-development of technologies that are available, accessible, affordable, durable

²⁰ Resolution [79/233](#), annex; see also resolution [79/279](#).

²¹ Resolution [78/317](#), annex.

²² [A/57/304](#), annex.

²³ [A/80/377](#).

²⁴ Resolution [70/1](#).

and sustainable and that can be easily used by and disseminated to smallholder and family farmers, in particular rural women, young and ageing farmers;

3. *Calls upon* Member States and relevant stakeholders to ensure inclusive access to agricultural technologies, particularly for smallholder farmers, women, youth and marginalized communities, in line with the recommendations of the Committee on World Food Security;

4. *Underlines* the importance of supporting sustainable agriculture, including agroecology and other innovative approaches, and advancing research in improving and diversifying crop varieties and seed systems, as well as supporting the establishment of sustainable and resilient agricultural systems, sustainable management practices and the use of new and existing technologies, such as conservation agriculture, integrated soil fertility management, integrated farming systems, animal disease prevention and control and integrated pest management, precision agriculture, irrigation, livestock husbandry and biotechnologies, in order to make agriculture more sustainable and productive, make food more nutritious and, in particular, make crops and farm animals more resistant to diseases, including drug-resistant infections, considering international standards in this regard, pests and environmental stresses, including the impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss, drought and extreme rainfall events, in accordance with national regulations and relevant international agreements;

5. *Recognizes* the important role of family farming and smallholder farming in adapting and developing sustainable, affordable and context-specific innovations and technologies while helping to preserve and promote traditional products, and in contributing to global food security and nutrition, poverty eradication and sustainability, as well as job creation, and in ending chronic child malnutrition, and in this regard calls upon Member States, academia, the private sector and other relevant stakeholders to adapt agricultural technologies and practices to the needs of small- and medium-scale family farmers and combine them with credit access for sustainable production and significant investment in rural infrastructure in line with international standards, including the Group of 20 Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment, as appropriate, as well as the training and education of those who would most benefit from them;

6. *Also recognizes* that strengthening urban-rural linkages can improve both rural and urban food security and nutrition, and in this regard highlights the need for integrated urban and rural agricultural land planning, improved rural-urban transportation links, food processing and packaging technology and cold chain development to reduce food loss, and for effective trade links across the urban-rural continuum, which will contribute to ensuring that small-scale farmers and fishers are linked to local, subnational, national, regional and global value chains and markets;

7. *Requests* relevant United Nations organizations, including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to promote, support and facilitate the exchange of experience among Member States through, inter alia, recommendations and good practices related to ways to promote sustainable agriculture and increase the productivity and adaptive capacity of agriculture and the use of a broad range of agricultural technologies that support more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, build long-term fertility, healthy and resilient agroecosystems and secure livelihoods and have a positive impact on the entire value chain, including technology for post-harvest crop storage, processing, handling and transportation, including in pressing environmental circumstances;

8. *Stresses* the importance of indicators that can be used to formulate targeted policies towards the development and adoption of, access to and use of agricultural technology and to measure their impact on the Sustainable Development Goals, and in this regard encourages Member States, in cooperation with all relevant stakeholders, to continue to contribute to the ongoing work of the Statistical Commission on the global indicator framework;

9. *Notes* the need to analyse the potential risks and impacts of agricultural technologies, to ensure that agrifood systems are more inclusive, equitable, efficient, resilient and sustainable and can deliver nutritious food, and that fostering synergies between government departments, research institutions, national and international organizations, alliances and coalitions can accelerate the development and adoption of technologies;

10. *Also notes* that the development of and access to new technologies should be combined with the preservation and promotion of traditional knowledge, where relevant, to attract Indigenous Peoples and local communities and enable young people to be drivers of more efficient, inclusive, equitable, resilient and sustainable agrifood systems, that investments are needed to improve inclusive digital literacy and build the digital competencies of young rural people, and that relevant and effective policy frameworks and incentives, regulatory measures and economic and legal instruments should be promoted to ensure equity and inclusion in the development of and access to technologies;

11. *Stresses* the urgent need to enhance adaptive capacity, strengthen resilience and reduce vulnerability to climate change, and urges Member States to continue to engage in adaptation planning processes and the implementation of mitigation actions;

12. *Also stresses* the need to significantly reduce pre-harvest, post-harvest and other food losses and waste throughout the food supply chain through, inter alia, improved production planning, the promotion of resource-efficient production and processing practices, improved processing, preservation and packing technologies, improved transportation and logistics management and enhanced household and business awareness of food losses and waste prevention, to help all actors in the value chain to enjoy greater benefits and to contribute to environmental protection;

13. *Further stresses* the need to improve the uptake and scaling-up of technologies as effective ways to improve agrifood systems, by increasing productivity, sustainably managing natural resources, reducing the risk of pests and diseases, increasing input use efficiency and creating new income generation opportunities, and in this regard, urges Member States to promote technology platforms and hubs, new institutional models, digitalization, foresight, participatory research for development, agricultural innovation systems, community-based learning approaches and partnerships with the private sector, while promoting social inclusion and fairness;

14. *Underlines* the importance of the sustainable use and management of water resources to increase and contribute to agricultural productivity, calls upon stakeholders to promote integrated water resources management in agriculture and adapt agricultural systems to improve their overall water efficiency and water productivity, and their resilience to water stresses, inter alia, by developing and implementing adaptive water and agricultural strategies and action plans based on a comprehensive approach to the long-term availability and variability of all water sources, reducing water scarcity risks through integrated water resources management options, designing and implementing agricultural and landscape management practices that increase the resilience of agricultural systems to water stress and reduce

pollution, making rain-fed agriculture systems a more reliable option, investing in an enabling environment and mobilizing the full set of tools available to them, and calls for further efforts to develop and strengthen sustainable irrigation facilities and water-saving technology, which can also enhance resilience to the current and projected adverse impacts of climate change;

15. *Calls upon* Member States, academia, the private sector and other stakeholders to harness science, technology and innovation, including co-innovation, by promoting coherent and integrated agricultural innovation systems through participatory research, demand-driven extension and rural advisory services and increased, responsible and inclusive public and private investment, building human capacity, encouraging entrepreneurship, creating an enabling economic and institutional environment and strengthening knowledge flows, in particular between scientists and farmers, taking into account local and traditional knowledge systems, in combination with new sources of knowledge;

16. *Invites* the United Nations system and all relevant stakeholders to consider ways to make available, on mutually agreed terms, data and information relating to agrifood systems, including meteorology, big data, satellite imagery, early warning systems and other data-based technologies, that could help to build the resilience of smallholder and family farmers, optimize yields and support rural livelihoods;

17. *Recognizes* that weather forecasting and climate services and products allow farmers to better plan agricultural activities, optimize production, manage climate-related risks and integrate climate change adaptation into their decisions, and therefore encourages governments and meteorological agencies to improve the quality and quantity of the collection, dissemination and analysis of agrometeorological and agroclimatological data and information;

18. *Also recognizes* that advanced technologies, such as big data, artificial intelligence and machine learning, distributed ledgers, remote sensing and geospatial analysis, have the potential to increase agricultural productivity, improve access to markets and efficiency of inputs, and ensure timely communication for informed decision-making, while acknowledging that this should be examined carefully to maximize benefits and minimize downsides;

19. *Further recognizes* that sustainable agricultural mechanization could help to address shortages of labour, ease drudgery, increase incomes, enhance productivity and the timeliness of agricultural activities, promote efficient resource use, enable better market access and attract new investment and talent into agriculture, thereby creating better prospects for sustainable growth and support measures to mitigate climate- and weather-related hazards, and acknowledges that mechanization and digitalization can also create new and higher-paying jobs in agricultural value chains, making it more attractive for youth to stay in rural areas;

20. *Recognizes* the important role of information and communications technology, as well as digitalization and e-agriculture, in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and in improving agricultural productivity, practices and smallholder livelihoods, strengthening agricultural markets and institutions, improving agricultural extension and rural advisory services, empowering farmer communities, keeping farmers and rural entrepreneurs informed about agricultural innovations, weather conditions, input availability, financial services and market prices and connecting them with buyers, and stresses the need to ensure that women, youth and Indigenous Peoples have equitable access to information and communications technology, digitalization and e-agriculture, especially in rural areas, and to close digital divides within and between countries, as well as the gender digital divide, to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

21. *Underlines* the instrumental role of agricultural technology, agricultural research and innovation and technology transfer on mutually agreed terms and the sharing of knowledge and practices in furthering sustainable development and in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, calls, therefore, upon Member States, and encourages relevant international bodies, to support sustainable agricultural research and development, emphasizes that research outputs should be appropriate to the needs of and accessible to end users, including governments, water managers, large-scale private sector enterprises and women, smallholder and family farmers, and in this regard calls for continued support to the international agricultural research system, including the research centres of CGIAR and other relevant international organizations and initiatives;

22. *Recognizes* that agricultural biotechnologies have the potential to enhance food production, improve nutrition and reduce environmental impacts, notes with concern that national agricultural research systems in developing countries face barriers such as restricted access, limited funding and regulatory frameworks to use advanced biotechnologies, and in this regard welcomes the convening of the Global Agrifood Biotechnologies Conference by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, from 16 to 18 June 2025 in Rome, at which participants examined how biotechnologies can improve agrifood systems, and reiterates the need to accelerate the transfer of environmentally sound technologies to developing countries on mutually agreed terms;

23. *Notes* that, according to World Bank estimates, at least 300 billion United States dollars in investments are needed annually to promote sustainable food systems and that many developing countries, particularly low-income countries, are grappling with multiple crises, including extreme weather disasters, constrained fiscal conditions, and escalating interest rates, making it challenging to finance emergency responses while simultaneously investing in sustainable food systems, and in this regard calls upon Member States to promote a concerted effort to jointly mobilize public and private capital, to achieve high-performing food systems on mutually agreed terms;

24. *Urges* Member States, relevant United Nations organizations and other stakeholders to strengthen efforts to improve the development of sustainable agricultural technologies and their transfer and dissemination on mutually agreed terms to developing countries, especially the least developed countries, in particular at the bilateral and regional levels, and encourages international, regional and national efforts to strengthen capacity and foster the utilization of local know-how in developing countries, especially that of smallholder and family farmers, in particular rural women and youth, in order to enhance agricultural productivity and the nutritional quality of agricultural products, promote sustainable practices in pre-harvest and post-harvest agricultural activities and enhance food security and nutrition-related programmes and policies that take into consideration the specific needs of women, young children and youth, with particular attention to securing the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, strengthening progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;

25. *Recognizes* that recovery efforts from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic present an opportunity to promote sustainability and increase resilience of agriculture and food systems to the impact of the pandemic and future crises, including through the use of technology and innovation in all its forms, including digital services that can increase access to financial services for small-scale producers and family farmers, that are gender-responsive, including in rural areas, to address mobility restrictions and bank closures, agricultural extension services, weather and climate services, and online platforms that can enable producers to sell directly to

consumers, leading to increased profits, improved supply chain efficiency, reduced wastage and better financial inclusion, leveraging artificial intelligence in supporting sustainable agriculture, which can help to improve the overall harvest quality and accuracy, and calls upon all relevant stakeholders to continue to develop policies, investments and partnerships that help to realize the potential of technologies to transform agriculture and food systems, while tackling the persistent digital divides, including the gender digital divide, in order to build back better and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals;

26. *Calls upon* Member States and relevant United Nations organizations and other stakeholders to mainstream gender perspectives into agricultural policies and projects and to focus on closing the gender gap by, inter alia, encouraging gender-balanced investments and innovation in small-scale agricultural production and distribution, and a gender-responsive value chain supported by integrated and multisectoral policies, in order to improve women's productive capacity and incomes, strengthen their resilience and achieve equitable access to all forms of financing, markets and networks, labour-saving technologies and agricultural technology information and know-how, equipment, decision-making forums and associated agricultural resources to ensure that agriculture, food security and nutrition-related programmes and policies take into consideration the specific needs of women and the barriers that women face in accessing agricultural inputs and resources;

27. *Encourages* Governments to develop and implement youth-focused agricultural development projects and programmes, youth innovation labs, youth innovation and research challenges, including through training, education, financial inclusion services, including microcredit services, and capacity-building, including with regard to innovation, in association with the private sector, in order to stimulate the interest and the involvement of youth in sustainable agriculture;

28. *Remains concerned* that agricultural innovations and technologies often bypass ageing farmers, and in particular ageing women farmers, as many do not possess the financial resources or the skills to adopt new practices, and in this regard stresses the need to strengthen the capacity of ageing farmers through continued access to financial and infrastructure services and training for improved farming techniques and technologies;

29. *Acknowledges* that agricultural and technological innovations can be supported by financial innovations and financial support, such as de-risking strategies and blended finance options, and that blended finance mechanisms are new institutional models that link public and private financing and patient capital with equity investments and promote schemes that more effectively distribute investments to small-scale enterprises and producers;

30. *Encourages* Member States, civil society and public and private institutions to develop partnerships to support financial and market services, including training, capacity-building, quality infrastructure and extension and rural advisory services, and calls for further efforts by all stakeholders to include smallholder and family farmers, in particular rural women and youth, in planning and in taking decisions about making appropriate sustainable agricultural technologies and practices accessible and affordable to them, and strengthen the links between community-based initiatives and financial institutions, including through the promotion of financing tools that foster agricultural sustainability;

31. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its eighty-second session, within existing resources, an action-oriented report that examines the current technological trends and key advances in agricultural technologies, provides illustrative examples of the transformative use of technologies

at scale and includes recommendations that assist Member States in accelerating their efforts to bridge the gap in the elimination of hunger and all forms of malnutrition and implement the relevant goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda, and decides to include in the provisional agenda of its eighty-second session the item entitled “Sustainable development”.

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