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Item 7 a)5) RWANDA country strategic plan (2025–2029)

Thank you Ms. President for giving me the floor. Poland on behalf of List E, would like to share our remarks on the new country strategic plan for Rwanda.

We warmly welcome the comprehensive strategic plan outlined for Rwanda, which focus on key areas including food and nutrition security, ending malnutrition, crisis response, resilience building, accelerating human capital. We take note that the CSP has been developed in the line with the recommendations of the evaluation of the previous Plan.

List E is glad that in times of decreasing financial resources WFP is able to continue its successful mission in Rwanda. We appreciate the efforts of WFP in life saving through which many lives saved and life changing activities, which so far have resulted in improving the livelihood of many Rwandees.

We appreciate that the new Country Strategic Plan for Rwanda was prepared following consultations with key stakeholders from the Government, other United Nations entities, the private sector, civil society, non-governmental organizations, women's organizations and organizations supporting local communities.

We are concerned that situation in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo will deteriorate further and numbers of asylum seekers and internally displaced persons expected to arrive in Rwanda will increased. We appreciate that 60 percent of the CSP budget will be allocated to outcome 1 on crisis response.

We welcome WFP plans to implement livelihood activities aimed at increasing refugees' self-reliance and enhancing their integration into host communities. Especially important will be initiatives that integrate all schools for refugees into the national school feeding programme. We also support the idea of the shift from in-kind food assistance to cash transfers for refugees.

As WFP will develop and test linkages between school feeding and school health and nutrition services, we encourage WFP to support Rwanda's Government in setting "Girls Safe Rooms" in schools where girls can get rest and receive necessary sanitary equipment.

We are grateful WFP will continue to support the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Business Network as a key platform for advancing collaboration with the private sector on nutrition in Rwanda.

We appreciate strong emphasis of the CSP on the vulnerable groups, especially women and girls and persons with disabilities. We appreciate WFP will enhance partnerships with women's organizations, foundations and organizations of persons with disabilities, research institutions, non-governmental organizations and industry associations to generate evidence for informing policy development and promote meaningful engagement with women and girls.

Finally, we wish to thank WFP and its staff members for their critical work in Rwanda. Ms. President, List E expresses its support for the document. Thank you.