

COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY – CFS 41, October, 2014

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U.S. Explanation of Position

These principles are voluntary and non-legally binding. We do not view them as changing the interpretation of any instruments referenced therein or the current state of conventional or customary international law, including with regard to countries' international obligations under any agreements or in any areas including but not limited to trade and investment agreements, intellectual property rights including legal transfer of technology, labor rights, or human rights. We wish to emphasize that the implementation of human rights obligations is the responsibility of states.

Trade in food and agriculture products in a predictable, transparent market is critical to achieving global food security and essential to ensuring long-term success in ending hunger by increasing food availability. The Principles support the view that individual consumer preferences guide what foods are produced, sold, or consumed, and these principles should not be read to suggest otherwise.