

## **Statement by the International Food & Beverage Alliance on the Endorsement of the Committee on World Food Security Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition**

*Geneva, 10 February 2021* – The International Food & Beverage Alliance (IFBA), representing leading global companies in food and non-alcoholic beverage manufacturing, welcomes today's formal endorsement of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition (VGFSyN).

IFBA fully supports the CFS's objective to contribute to food systems' transformation to ensure that sustainable and healthy diets are universally accessible and affordable. IFBA members are committed to providing access to safe, convenient and nutritious foods and beverages and helping consumers achieve healthy, balanced diets. We are also leveraging our scale and expertise across the areas it can have the greatest impact – agriculture, climate, water, products, packaging and consumers – to help build sustainable food systems. Our members have adopted initiatives to promote the health and wellbeing of communities, sustainably source ingredients, reduce food loss and waste, and mainstream sustainability practices throughout the entire food production and consumption chain.

Transforming food systems to combat malnutrition in all its forms and ensure healthy, sustainable diets for all will only be achieved if governments, civil society, and the private sector work together in partnership. We celebrate the multisectoral, science- and evidence-based approach the CFS has taken in developing these voluntary guidelines and acknowledge that continued multistakeholder partnerships are necessary to actualize the transformative change laid out within them. We look forward to further opportunities to contribute to this agenda at the upcoming 2021 United Nations Food Systems Summit and the Tokyo Nutrition for Growth Summit.

As leading food and beverage manufacturers, we recognize the responsibility we have to contribute to the sustainable transformation of the food systems we are a part of. We are committed to do our part to contribute to building a sustainable future where people around the world have access to affordable, safe foods and beverages for generations to come.