Organization of American States (OAS)
Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

1. The Organization of American States (OAS) hereby voluntarily *joins the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty* and states its dedication to pursue the Alliance's mission, objectives and principles, as *expressed* in the Global Alliance's Terms of Reference and Governance Framework, and to collaborate with other members to achieve lasting solutions to poverty and hunger worldwide, as expressed below.

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2. *Recognizes* that hunger and malnutrition are the perverse manifestations of persistent, structural poverty and inequality, and recognizes the need to end poverty and hunger in all their forms and dimensions and to fully and effectively implement the 2030 Agenda.

3. *Acknowledges* the alarming growth in the number of people facing food insecurity and poverty in recent years, noting that, despite all significant past and current efforts, the world is not on track to meet SDG 1 and 2 targets, inequality is also on the rise (SDG 10), and a significant increase in collective ambition, as well as improvement in collective alignment and coordination for the fight against hunger and poverty, is urgently needed.

4. To that effect, *endorses* the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty and its mission to *support and accelerate efforts to eradicate hunger and poverty (SDGs 1 and 2) while reducing inequalities (SDG 10), contributing to revitalize global partnerships for sustainable development (SDG 17) and to the achievement of other interlinked SDGs, and championing sustainable, inclusive and just transitions..*

5. *Notes* that it is crucial for the world to unite behind large-scale, integrated approaches combining international, regional, national, and local levels, that recognize the interconnected nature of challenges and solutions to hunger and poverty and pair social protection with access to goods and services that can help the poor and vulnerable populations to overcome structural barriers and drive responsible investment in their productive capacity. These complementary services include but are not limited to interventions for poverty reduction, food security and nutrition, early childhood support, education and skills development, employment services, health and care services, as well as family farmers and smallholders' access to finance, extension services, research and/or agricultural inputs, in line with international commitments and obligations.

6. *Particularly recognizes* the high value and positive impact of quality implementation of national and local country-owned, inclusive policy instruments and programmes, focused on the poorest and most vulnerable, in the fields of poverty reduction, social protection, food security and nutrition, gender equality, decent work in the agri-food

sector, skills development, family farming and smallholder agriculture, food systems transformation, health and care services and resilience building.

7. Also *acknowledges* the Global Alliance's reference basket of such policies as a collectively built, ongoing collection of examples with robust evidence to reduce hunger and poverty, and as a useful basis to guide joint action and increase alignment of the international community at country level. This acknowledgement is applicable to the policy basket approach as a general guide to action and does not imply endorsement of any specific policy instrument or programme contained in the basket.

8. Therefore, by joining the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty, *commits* to do its best efforts, in its own field of action, and according to its own mandate, capacities, priorities, preferences, procedures, and legal arrangements and framework, to support the implementation of policy instruments and programmes at country level as appropriate, including by the promotion of shared learning and the mobilization of resources, public and private, at scale.

In particular:

Knowledge support commitments

The Organization of American States (OAS):

Commits to make its best efforts to co-create and provide technical assistance, capacity building and strengthening, training and/or knowledge-sharing on voluntary and mutually agreed terms in response to requests by Global Alliance member countries that choose to implement policy instruments and programmes in the Alliance's policy basket that are compatible with its areas of expertise.

Commits to make its best efforts to improve the alignment of its actions, including through the Global Alliance's coordination mechanisms, leveraging, and partnering with other actors to better support large scale, country-owned implementation of policies and programmes in the reference basket by Global Alliance member countries, aiming at enhancing country-level outcomes.

Commits to collaborate with other Alliance members to develop innovative solutions and share good practices in learning and knowledge exchange and dissemination on voluntary and mutually agreed terms, data collection and analysis, including by leveraging existing local, national, and international knowledge networks, coalitions, communities and other fora related to aspects relevant to the fight against hunger and poverty.

The OAS Informs and commits to implementing the following actions, programmes, and other activities in support of the Global Alliance´s objectives:

Support Alliance member governments in OAS Member States by facilitating peer-to-peer technical and policy exchanges. Through existing policy dialogues, like the Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities of Social Development, and technical cooperation mechanisms such as the Inter-American Social Protection Network (IASPN) and the Working Group on "Measurements of multidimensional poverty and the design of public policies intended to guarantee the well-being and the enjoyment of a good quality of life" aimed at strengthening institutional capacities for implementing

multidimensional poverty measurements and their application to inform evidence-based public policies.

The IASPN is recognized as the primary hemispheric mechanism for technical cooperation and a community of practice that facilitates the exchange of knowledge, experiences, and promising practices among policymakers. It enables the transfer and adaptation of successful policies and initiatives to accelerate poverty reduction and promote innovative social protection policies across the region.

Leverage existing knowledge-sharing tools, such as the "Compendium of Experiences and Lessons Learned from Measuring Multidimensional Poverty in the Americas," developed in collaboration with the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), as a key resource for bridging technical capacity gaps in designing and implementing strategies to address poverty in all its dimensions and advance poverty reduction efforts across the region.

Facilitate, broker, and nurture partnerships between national governments in OAS member states and other Alliance members who can provide financial or technical support in implementing policies in close coordination with the Alliance's Support Mechanism.

Reinforce actions to tackle hunger and poverty by addressing root causes and promoting sustainable, inclusive development and job creation. This includes programs in education and skills development to improve employability to create long-term growth and opportunity.

Offer to host secondments for the Alliance's Support Mechanism, funded by voluntary contributions from Alliance member governments and partners, leveraging the OAS's existing structure to support the Alliance's work.

Harness existing knowledge platforms within the OAS, such as CooperaNet, the Inter-American Network for Labor Administration (RIAL), and the repository of policies within the Inter-American Committee on Education, to enhance coordination and cooperation with the Global Alliance and its Support Mechanism.

Contribute to the development of knowledge resources aligned with the goals of the Global Alliance.

Support the organization of Global Summits Against Hunger and Poverty in coordination with relevant entities, contributing to global dialogue and action on these issues, and contribute with the OAS experience and platforms to engage civil society from the region in this effort.

General acknowledgments

Recognizes the possibility to, including through the mechanisms available to Global Alliance members, coordinate, partner with and/or seek support from the Global Alliance's other members, within their respective capacities, availability, and fields of activity, to carry out the present commitments with greater effectiveness.

While recognizing that the above commitments are voluntary and non-legally binding, being subject to and carried out under its own capacities, regulations, priorities, and modalities, as well as to the availability of appropriate resourcing, *strives* to seriously consider, as appropriate, and according to its own legal frameworks and governance process, to review its procedures and priorities as found necessary to better deliver on the present commitments, enhance synergies and joint efforts with other entities and

initiatives, and improve outcomes on the collective fight against hunger and poverty.