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Statements of Commitment to the Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty

General section

Escola Superior de Agricultura Luiz de Queiroz (Esalq/USP) 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.

Esalq/USP:

1. *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.
2. *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.
3. 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.*
4. *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.
5. *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.

6. 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.
7. 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

Esalq/USP:

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.

Informs its capacity and readiness to support Alliance member governments in implementing, improving or scaling-up the following policy instrument types, referenced in the Global Alliance's basket of policy instruments:

1. Enhancing Pro-Poor Access to Agricultural Inputs, Technology, and Knowledge - ***Casa do Produtor Rural***: a pioneering university extension initiative, Casa do

Produtor Rural serves as a nationwide service hub for rural producers across Brazil. By offering free technical assistance, training, and expert guidance, it connects academic expertise with real-world agricultural challenges. The project brings together professors, industry professionals, students, and university staff to foster knowledge exchange and practical solutions for sustainable rural development .

[Website - Casa do Produtor Rural](#)

Esalq/USP informs and commits to implementing the following actions, programmes, and other activities in support of the Global Alliance's objectives:

2. **International School:** a special program on Tropical Bio-based Production Systems for undergraduate students from all over the world, which aims to present an overview of technologies, economics, and environmental scenarios of Brazilian agriculture, forestry, livestock farming, and food science and technology in theoretical classes and technical visits. The participation of foreign and Brazilian students encourages their interaction and exchange experiences. [Website - International School](#)
3. **The Feed, Protect, Care Global Collaborative PhD Platform:** developed as a joint initiative between the University of Montpellier (UM) in France and the University of Pretoria (UP) in South Africa, counts on the participation of 16 universities from all over the world, with Esalq/USP being the only Brazilian representative. This innovative response to the imperatives of open science and open education focuses on the interconnected societal missions of feeding, caring for, and protecting people, places, and the planet. The platform aims to strengthen the capacity of the global scientific community to inform and support critical transformations to ensure sustainable futures at local to global-levels. The Platform connects the next generation of sustainability scientists from across the world in a lifelong network of expertise and influence. [Website - Feed, Protect, Care Global Collaborative PhD Platform](#)
4. **ESALQTec Technology Incubator:** A catalyst for agribusiness innovation, ESALQTec provides comprehensive support for startups, micro, and small enterprises in the agricultural technology sector. By fostering cutting-edge advancements, it bridges the gap between research and commercialization, accelerating the growth of high-impact solutions. [Website - EsalqTec](#)
5. **CCarbon:** generates knowledge, technology, innovation, human resources training and dissemination of carbon-based solutions for tropical agricultural systems, aiming to reconcile the growing demand for food, fiber and energy with sustainability (environmental, economic and social). [Website - CCarbon](#)

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.