

Committee on Agriculture

**QUESTIONNAIRE ON LDC AND NFIDC MEMBERS' UTILIZATION OF
WTO FLEXIBILITIES (WORK PROGRAMME-PARAGRAPH 8
OF MC-12 DECLARATION ON FOOD INSECURITY)**

Paragraph 8

"We reaffirm the importance of effective implementation and monitoring of the Marrakesh Decision on Measures Concerning the Possible Negative Effects of the Reform Programme on Least-Developed and Net Food-Importing Developing Countries. In this regard, we commit to having a dedicated work programme in the Committee on Agriculture to examine how this Decision could be made more effective and operational pursuant to Article 16 of the Agreement on Agriculture and to consider concerns raised by Members in their current and future submissions. The work programme shall consider the needs of LDCs and NFIDCs to increase their resilience in responding to acute food instability including by considering the best possible use of flexibilities to bolster their agricultural production and enhance their domestic food security as needed in an emergency."

1. What are the needs of least-developed and net food-importing developing countries (LDCs and NFIDCs) to increase their resilience in responding to acute food instability?
2. What are the challenges which LDCs and NFIDCs face in the utilization of flexibilities¹ under the WTO agriculture rules to bolster their agricultural production and enhance their domestic food security as needed in an emergency?
3. What are your suggestions for the best possible use of flexibilities to bolster LDCs and NFIDCs' agricultural production and enhance their domestic food security as needed in an emergency?
4. How can Members support LDCs and NFIDCs to increase their resilience in responding to acute food instability, and what are the challenges they face in doing so?
5. Have you been able to regularly examine the NF notifications in order to get additional details and clarifications on the actions notified within the framework of the [Marrakesh Decision](#) under the Committee's review process? What steps could be implemented to assist LDC and NFIDC Members in the review of NF notifications?
6. What is your appreciation of the existing transparency and information-sharing processes on Members' reporting of their actions in respect of the mechanisms provided under paragraph 3 of the [Marrakesh Decision](#) (international food aid, its terms and conditions, technical and financial assistance)? What further improvements could be considered in these existing mechanisms and processes, including for NF notifications and export competition transparency?
7. What possible steps and practical mechanisms could be considered to foster cooperation with international organizations and to benefit from their actions in respect of the mechanisms provided under the [Marrakesh Decision](#)?

¹ Please refer to G/AG/W/227.