

The Path Towards an International Framework for Promoting Global Food Security

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Abstract: The path towards the elaboration of an international framework for the promotion of food security on a global scale has been increasingly characterized from a comprehensive approach to the issue, including instruments of “soft law” which provide for recommendations and guidelines pursuing the dual purpose of promoting certain standards of food security and the socially oriented conduct of companies investing in the agricultural sector. Among these instruments, a crucial role must be attributed to the recent initiatives taken by organizations such as FAO, IFAD, UNCTAD and World Bank, besides groups such as G8 and G20, as well as the European Union, aimed to promote socially oriented foreign investments in agriculture realized in developing countries. The connection between this aim and the achievement of the goal of global food security is the salient features of the new “Global Strategic Framework for Food Security and Nutrition”, recently endorsed by the FAO also with the perspective of contributing to the achievement to attain the relevant objectives of sustainable development of the Millennium.

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