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The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry met this day at 8:01 a.m., in room B45, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Mary Robinson, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Black, Hébert, McNair, Muggli and Robinson (5).

Participating in the meeting: Avalon Jennings, Analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, the committee continued its study on the role of the agriculture and agri-food sector with regard to food security in Canada.

WITNESSES:

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations:

Beth Bechdol, Deputy Director General (*by videoconference*).

Syngenta Canada Inc.:

Shaun Vey, President (*by videoconference*);

Christina Stroud, Head, Corporate Affairs (*by videoconference*).

As an individual:

Cyr Couturier, Aquaculture Scientist and Expert (*by videoconference*).

Cyr Couturier made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:06 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 9:09 a.m., the committee resumed.

Beth Bechdol made a statement. Shaun Vey and Christina Stroud each made a statement and answered questions.

At 9:52 a.m., the committee suspended.

At 9:54 a.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft agenda.

It was agreed that the committee allow the audio recording and/or transcription of the in camera portion of today's meeting, that one copy be kept with the clerk of the committee for consultation by committee members and/or staff, and that the audio recording and/or transcription be destroyed by the clerk of the committee when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than at the end of this parliamentary session.

At 9:58 a.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Caroline Woodward

Clerk of the Committee