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## ISDI Statement

All stakeholders make different, yet important contributions to policy discussions. The private sector is one of those stakeholders.

As a global trade association representing the special dietary foods industries, ISDI and its members are committed to fostering a constructive, open and evidence-based dialogue with all stakeholders on issues within the association's remit, ranging from food safety to the quality of specialised nutrition products developed or manufactured by our members for consumers and patients (i.e. citizens) with special nutritional needs.

The private sector is an important and constructive contributor to policy debates on these issues. ISDI and its members share information on latest advances in nutrition science, provide insight into product development, feasibility, technological advances, as well as consumer behaviour, and participate in stakeholder consultation at the national and international level.

Together with governments and myriad stakeholders, we work towards the shared goal of improving the nutritional status of infants, young children and adults worldwide, including the nutrition targets of the United Nations' 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As the special dietary food industries, we subscribe to the principles of the SDGs, in particular SDG 3 and the promotion of Good health as core to our activities along with Goal 17 on partnerships. It is only through inclusive partnerships between governments, the private sector and civil society that the critical and ambitious targets of the SDGs can be achieved.