

Mr. Secretary General of the United Nations,

Director General of the FAO,

Madam Kalibata,

Excellencies,

First of all let me take this opportunity to congratulate the Italian Government for hosting the Food System pre- Summit and for having taken important measures for combatting and preventing the impact of the Covid pandemic during the last 18 months.

The Pre- Summit is an unique opportunity to re-think food security systems and lessons learned by our Countries in the aftermath of the covid pandemic.

The Republic of San Marino reiterates its full commitment to the Agenda 2030 and the 17 SDGs and we have just presented our first Voluntary National Review at the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

We are strongly committed to a solid multilateral system, by promoting and strengthening rules-based multilateral actions to end poverty, hunger and malnutrition, to protect the planet and to ensure peace, security and prosperity.

This initiative aims at enhancing awareness on the importance to transform the way the World produces and consumes food in order to ensure sufficient, safe and affordable food and healthy diets for all.

With its social and economic impact, COVID 19 has shown a fundamental lesson: no one must be left behind when we are faced with global challenges.

We must learn the lesson: globalization is cooperation; and prosperity is real only when shared; we must overcome geo-political or economic interests and offer mass vaccination on a global scale.

Coming to this Summit it is important that governments and stakeholders work against inequalities; the right to food is a fundamental human right, nutritious food for all is part of the responsibility of national policies.

San Marino has adhered to the Mediterranean health diet alliance recognizing the importance of healthy and nutritious food.

Equitable access to food must be a political commitment at national and international level, with UN bodies and agencies in the spirit of 'One UN'. Stakeholders and the private sector must find ways to calibrate profit and health measures.