

**Your Majesties, Excellencies, and Highnesses,
His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United
Nations, António Guterres,**

Ladies and gentlemen

**I have the honor to convey to you the greetings of
His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, King
of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and his Majesty wishes
for your conference success for the benefit of the
entire world's peoples. His Majesty expressed the
Kingdom of Bahrain's pride in the significant
efforts made by the United Nations in its
benevolent endeavors to achieve the noble goals of
eradicating hunger in the world. I am also pleased
to participate in the Food Systems Summit 2021,
representing the Kingdom of Bahrain.**

Ladies and Gentlemen

**Despite the exceptional circumstances that the
world is going through because of the
Coronavirus. It requires concerted efforts and
international cooperation to overcome this
challenge in reducing the impact of the pandemic**

on global undernutrition and food systems, and it is also an opportunity to reform our food systems that ensure sustainability.

Ladies and Gentlemen

Food security is set as a national platform according to the Royal directives of His Majesty the King to maintain an integrated plan to raise the sufficiency rate.

To achieve this, the Kingdom of Bahrain worked on several tracks. At the local level, the Government followed a pioneering approach in managing the global pandemic crisis through the national team, led by HRH, The Crown Prince, the Distinguished Prime Minister, playing an effective and successful role in ensuring the provision of food commodities to citizens and residents.

As for achieving relative self-sufficiency in agricultural and fisheries products, sites have been allocated for soilless farming, white meat and table eggs production, and fish farming, as well as steps to support small farmers and investors. Bahrain

has also prepared a strategic stockpile of essential commodities by contracting with food traders, sufficient for six months. On the international level, the conclusion of trade agreements to achieve food security is based on diversifying import sources in anticipation of any changing circumstances.

The Kingdom of Bahrain is looking forward to more cooperation with the United Nations, especially in food security, for the Kingdom of Bahrain to achieve its desired aspirations.

Ladies and gentlemen

In conclusion, I extend my thanks and appreciation to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations and his assistants for their efforts and their constructive role in the preparation and good organization of the work of this summit, asking God Almighty to help us in performing this task in the service of all humanity.