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Thank you very much,

I would like to salute and thank the Secretary-General of the UN, António Guterres, for having convened this Summit,

Salutations to Heads of State and Government, Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Delegates, representatives of the different sectors that are part of the food systems,

Salutations to the peoples of the world gathered at this important event.

The Summit summons us with the aim of transforming food systems into ones that are healthy, produced by sustainable means, and are also equitable.

The Plurinational State of Bolivia heeded the call of the Secretary-General and comes today, not empty-handed but with a proposal drafted with the voices of its various actors, and consistent with a broad national regulation and its position as a country in the constant defense of food security with sovereignty.

Our proposal is built on the basis of the Vivir Bien/Living Well approach, which projects the collective well-being and the well-being with Mother Earth, proposing the need to consolidate systems of life that allow simultaneous progress in the reduction of extreme poverty, the protection of environmental functions and the strengthening of sustainable productive systems.

In that sense, we underline the need to strengthen traditional food production systems and small farmers, as well as family, community and conventional agriculture, which are the basis for protecting systems of life; and, at the same time, to promote a change in the food system, based on a Sustainable Agroindustry.

It is with great pleasure, we realized during the development of the Pre-Summit in Rome that our proposal finds coincidences with those of other Member States, understanding that traditional organic, local agriculture and that of indigenous peoples, is fundamental in different societies, as well as for the transformation of food systems, so its important value must be taken into account in this great task.

I am certain that the outcome of this Summit, as well as the commitments made, will only be made possible if we work together, knowing our different potentialities, for which we must act urgently and promptly. We have only nine years left to



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achieve the Sustainable Development Goals; the time is now and the form is collectively.

Thank you.

