

Mr. Secretary-General of the United Nations

Your Excellences, Honorable Guests

Peace, mercy and blessings of God

I am pleased to head the delegation of the Republic of Iraq participating in the Food Systems Dialogue Conference . Food security is one of the most important challenges facing the international community for several reasons, including the increase in the number of Population, high standard of living, low production and productivity of both plants and animals and the important factor it is the climatic changes and the environmental disasters that they cause and the change in the pattern of agriculture and their consequences , A decrease in water resources and an increase in temperatures in many countries of the world . As a result of the global changes represented by the repeated drop in oil prices, as well as the crisis Corona pandemic and what They have repercussions that directly affect global food security It takes events Sustainable development through the development and develop of the agricultural sector, which is an essential contributor to national security Sustainable development through the creating job opportunities, reducing the volume of imports, creating social stability and enhancing the gross national product Food security, consumer health and safety, and it is known that most of the activities of the agricultural sector contribute significantly to Directly or indirectly in protecting and improving the environment and facing climate changes and global warming Here, we would like to point out some of the achievements made by the Ministry of Agriculture in the Republic of Iraq through Implementation of plans commensurate with the current stage by adopting national programs that focus on crops Strategy, fodder, fruits, vegetables, palms and dates In addition to supporting programs for the livestock sector In addition to this, the ministry has adopted indicative programs and development plans that focus on Maximizing value chains and entering deep into agro-processing industries and agricultural marketing to enhance value Economic and nutritional value of the crop or agricultural product by preserving it from spoilage and easy handling And store them under normal storage conditions as well as make use of the by-products of manufacturing We confirm our need for international support to promote sustainable agricultural development in Iraq in light of climate change and scarcity of rain and the lack of our water resource from neighboring countries, to develop and develop the activities of the private sector and investment in the agricultural sector through the establishment of projects

Agricultural in all its stages, from the field to the consumer, and focus on agricultural manufacturing industries and aimed at transferring and settling technology to reduce production losses agricultural marketing to maximize value chains and enhance the consumption pattern. It is worth mentioning the existing cooperation with FAO, European Union, World Food Program, IFAD, International Fund and other organizations and countries that have contributed to supporting the implementation of our agricultural plans and programs. Finally, we hope that international contributions will be strengthened through this Food Systems Summit Dialogue Conference, which is part of Important of the Action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and to help define the future direction of food systems and accelerate teamwork.

They are highly appreciated and respected