Statement

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At

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IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL

Your Majesties, Your Excellencies,

Your Excellency, UN Secretary-General, António Guterres

Your Excellencies, Presidents, Ministers, Secretaries-General, Heads and Members of the Participating Delegations,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Peace and Allah’s Mercy and Blessings be upon you

It is my pleasure to speak to you on behalf of the delegation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Let me first to extend my thanks and appreciation to Mr. Guterres for his initiative and leadership to hold the food systems/People Summit, which comes at time that our world is facing unprecedented challenges imposed by the measures in dealing with Covid-19 pandemic and its repercussion on food systems and supply chain.
Since the Secretary-General announced the Food Systems Summit in 2019, Jordan has embarked on major measures to achieve the summit’s objectives, are as follows:

- His Majesty King Abdullah II, “may God protect him”, has announced 2021 the year of food security in Jordan. Accordingly, efforts were exerted to formulate First Food Security Strategy 2021-2030 and its action plan for 2022-2024, with support of the World Food Program (WFP) and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Issues related to the transformation of the food system have been appropriately integrated into the two documents.

- A series of dialogues at the national and sub-national level were conducted, with wide participation of all stakeholders in consistent with summit requirements and guidelines related, which resulted in the Jordan’s Pathway to transforming to Efficient and Sustainable Food Systems by 2030

- Jordan expressed its desire and readiness to be regional model and center for food security and the transition to flexible and sustainable food systems.

Despite the major challenges and constraints posed by water scarcity, hosting large numbers of refugees, poverty, unemployment and the spread of Covid-19, along with the difficult economic conditions and instability in our region, we, in Jordan will do what is necessary to achieve the summit’s objectives.

Finally, allow me to extend my warm thanks to the United Nations Organization for its effort exerted in achieving food security. Thanks to all
donor countries contributing significantly to the success of the United Nations programs and projects in fight against poverty, hunger and malnutrition. Thank you all for listening, wishing this summit success in its work to achieve the desired objectives.

Thank you all for listening

Peace, Allah’s mercy and blessings be upon you