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ON THE FUTURE OF FOOD SYSTEMS IN NIGER**

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Excellencies,
Distinguished Guests
Ladies and gentlemen,

First of all, I would like to thank the organizers of this world summit for the honor accorded to me to address this assembly.

I welcome this opportunity which will allow us to discuss the approach to food systems, to understand the complexities of the issue as well as the differences and strategies between the different countries in the fight against hunger and malnutrition.

In Niger, we are living at a critical juncture with *the convergence of several factors that are hampering our efforts* to end hunger and malnutrition in all their forms.

1. Niger, like many countries, faces challenges in establishing sustainable and efficient food systems.
2. Several factors are hindering our efforts to accelerate the required transformation of these systems.
3. However, in order to initiate these transformations aiming to eradicate hunger, Niger has since 2011 developed a Sustainable Food and Nutrition Security and Agricultural Development Strategy called the "3N Initiative": *Nigeriens Nourished Nigeriens*".
4. The implementation of this strategy has enabled encouraging progress in terms of irrigated, rain-fed and animal production.
5. For the future, as far as I am concerned, I will ensure that the efforts undertaken in the transformation of our food systems lead to greater resilience to mitigate threats and crises, and on the other hand

contribute to reducing the pressure on natural resources and better social inclusion.

6. I will also ensure the modernization of the agricultural sector to obtain more significant results in increasing and diversifying the production and in creating trade and job opportunities, especially for youth and women.
7. Finally, I will ensure social protection measures for vulnerable households, which will help to strengthen peace and social cohesion as well as the right to food enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Niger.

Distinguished guests,

Ladies and gentlemen

8. This dynamic of food system transformation will require the mobilization of substantial financial resources as well as the participation of various coalitions for the implementation of numerous and better investments.

Thank you for your attention