

**Distinguished Secretary-General,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,**

It is my honor to deliver a Statement on behalf of the Government of Tajikistan at the UN Food Systems Summit 2021.

First of all, I would like to emphasize the importance of holding today's event dedicated to food security and nutrition.

The development of the agriculture, including the introduction of new technologies and innovations with a view to reducing the negative impact on the environment and creating of the green economy are among the main priorities of the National Development Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan to 2030.

It is worth mentioning that the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan determined the food security among its four strategic goals. Since gaining independence, Tajikistan has

been cooperating with the relevant UN structures and international organizations in promoting this goal as well as in achieving SDG-2 (ensuring food security) and addressing the issues of climate change and nutrition.

The implementation of these goals has a multilateral character and requires international and regional cooperation. In this regard, we are looking forward to cooperating with the UN agencies in attracting the necessary resources of the donor countries.

Tajikistan advocates uniting efforts at the international and regional levels to prevent tackle and eliminate the consequences of food shortage and ensure food security in the country.

Ladies and gentlemen,

It should be noted that, after the rise of Taliban to power in Afghanistan this country is on the brink of a humanitarian disaster. The people are at risk of severe hunger. Obviously, the Taliban lack the capacity to develop and implement a comprehensive food security policy in this country. Therefore, we call on the relevant UN agencies to provide an urgent

assistance in ensuring food security to the people of Afghanistan before the winter begins.

With the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, the situation on the planet has become complicated. In order to overcome the existing challenges, we call on international organizations to render their support in addressing the food crises through the integrated development of agriculture.

In conclusion I would like to extend my appreciation to the development partners, including FAO, IFAD and WFP for involving in the implementation of projects on food security and nutrition in Tajikistan.

I wish you fruitful deliberation during the Summit.

Thank you.