

Official Address by Hon. Bob Loughman Weibur

Prime Minister

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Mr. Secretary-General

Excellencies, Heads of State and Governments

Distinguished Delegates:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

### **Introduction & Vision**

Firstly, Mr Secretary General,

Congratulations on your leadership and the work of the United Nations in uniting the Globe to leverage the power of food systems to accelerate our Sustainable Development Goals.

The design of this Global Food System Summit fits well with our National Vision: *A Stable, Sustainable and Prosperous Vanuatu*

The Summit also links well with our 2030 Gudfala Kakae, or Good Food Policy with the Vision: *A healthy, wealthy, food secure Vanuatu that enjoys a high quality of life.*

### **Vanuatu Pathway**

Mr. Secretary General,

Through the Dialogues conducted in the leadup to this Summit, Vanuatu has identified three key priorities for strengthening its Food System by 2030:

Firstly, Leadership and Governance. The Vanuatu Government commits to lead and coordinate an inclusive, multi-stakeholder effort to transform our Food System by 2030.

Secondly, Improved Diets and Food Environments. Vanuatu will build on current initiatives to sustainably increase its local production capacity and improve its food environment to ensure our people have access to more healthy and nutritious diets.

And finally, Resilient Food Systems and Livelihoods. Vanuatu will continue to develop and build a more resilient Food System to better manage our vulnerability to natural disasters and global impacts of climate change, pandemics, and economic imbalances and shocks.

### **Conclusion**

In concluding, Mr Secretary General,

We believe our Pathway will enable us to transform our Food System in ways that will build a more Stable, Sustainable and Prosperous Vanuatu that leaves no-one behind.

We look forward to working with the United Nations, the international community, partners, and experts to achieve our mutual 2030 Development Goals.

I thank you Mr Secretary General and God Bless you all.