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Republic of San Marino

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Mister Secretary General of the United Nations,

Madame Special Envoy for the Food System Summit

Mister Director General of FAO,

Excellencies,

On behalf of the Republic of San Marino it is a great privilege to take part today in this important Summit and we would like to congratulate you Mister Secretary General for convening the Food System Summit, as well as the Italian Government for having hosted the Pre-Summit last July where its major outcome has been to have discussed the inter-connectedness of the issues in the global food system.

This Summit represents a unique opportunity to generate significant action and measurable progress towards the 2030 Agenda and to build sustainable food security systems aiming at developing and implementing national food systems pathway.

Covid-19 pandemic has exposed us to enormous challenges; it has increased social and economic inequalities, creating more vulnerable groups with less access to nutritious and healthy food thus undermining the achievement of the SDGs.

Research, innovation, technology, agriculture, digitalization are the new challenges we are all faced with to reach our main goal of “leaving no one behind”.



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We need to work into two directions implementing measures domestically and through international cooperation to promote sustainable food consumption, facilitating the shift towards healthy, sustainable diets, as well as reducing food loss and waste.

Reduction of food loss and waste has a major role to play. In 2019 with Andorra we promoted the UNGA resolution on the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste, on the importance of food access and use in order to achieve the Goal of halving food waste by 2030.

In line with the principles enshrined in the 2030 Agenda, we have presented in July the Voluntary National Review at the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development as a tool for better understanding and monitoring achievements and goals in the framework of the SDGs.

We must work together to transform the way the World produces and consumes food.

Equitable access to food must be a political commitment at national and at the international level. Healthy and nutritious food is a human right with no religious, ethnical or gender differences.

Therefore, all stakeholders including the private sector must find ways to balance their profits.

The Republic of San Marino renews its commitment to a better, fair and sustainable World achieved through a holistic approach transforming our current food systems into more sustainable food systems for all.

Thank you.