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Dear Mr. Chairman,
Dear Ministers,
Dear colleagues,
Ladies and gentleman,

I am very glad for the opportunity to take part at the “UN Food Systems Summit”, this important and useful debate on the benefits of trade for the development of agriculture and its contribution to the global food security and economy.

One of our main priority has to envisage the vital role of farmers which must be encouraged and supported for better efficiency of their agricultural activities, through new technologies and innovation, in order to have more attractive agricultural sector for our future generations of farmers and also we consider that it is critically important to better understand the challenges and opportunities associated with the transformation of our food systems. A holistic and systemic approach, direct connected by research and innovation, shared practices and knowledge, are the key for our future food security.

Romania through the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development supports and fully agrees with UN Secretary General António Guterres, who warned of an impending global food emergency as one of the consequences of the pandemic and he called on the global community to make greater efforts for improving food systems. At the same time, climate change remains a major global challenge.

Romania fully supports the international cooperation and involvement and highlights the need for multilateral solidarity to minimize the impact of the current COVID 19 pandemic on food security, to prevent future pandemics, and to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

In this difficult context, I believe that we must continue to support investments in rural areas and rural infrastructure, while improving the sustainable management of natural resources given the importance of agriculture and rural development-oriented approaches in low-resource areas in close correlation with decision-making processes regarding agro-food development.

We express our gratitude to all farmers and workers continuously involved along the food supply chain to bring agricultural and food products “More better food for more people”, especially for their efforts to continue working in the worst conditions since the outbreak of the pandemic.

We also agree with the fact that, the global food system is a major driver of challenges relating to human health, climate change, biodiversity and environmental degradation and fully support the implementation of programs, actions and measures led by FAO and other UN Agencies or Organization for Food loss and Food waste, Healthy and sustainable diets – Zero hunger and more sustainable food systems and healthy lives.
Therefore, agriculture at the national, regional and international level can play a major role in promoting economic development, prosperity and poverty reduction, in particular in the rural areas - contributing decisively to ensuring world food security, stability and peace.

Thank you.