

UN Food System Summit: Pre-Summit Statement - MALDIVES

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Distinguished Delegates.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Good Evening

On behalf of the Government of Maldives, it is an honor to join the pre-summit dialogues ahead of the very important UN Food System Summit scheduled

As evidently documented in several academia and related literatures, the minimal arable land we own is degrading, our water resources including the oceans are getting contaminated, and our air is becoming polluted. Unfortunately, is not due to the actions of the inhabitants of the Maldives alone but due to the collective negligence of all the inhabitants of the Planet Earth. The truth is as a small island state, Maldives have a higher price pay, to sustain our existence on this planet.

Honorable Chair, increasing our dependence on high priced imported food is an inequality that we do not want to see. (b) (6) (c) (1) (3) (i) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) (28) (29) (30) (31) (32) (33) (34) (35) (36) (37) (38) (39) (40) (41) (42) (43) (44) (45) (46) (47) (48) (49) (50) (51) (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) (58) (59) (60) (61) (62) (63) (64) (65) (66) (67) (68) (69) (70) (71) (72) (73) (74) (75) (76) (77) (78) (79) (80) (81) (82) (83) (84) (85) (86) (87) (88) (89) (90) (91) (92) (93) (94) (95) (96) (97) (98) (99) (100)

Honorable Chair,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

We have seen all countries are ambitious and passionate to build a better and resilient food system in every country. But the reality is we cannot do it alone. This must be a global effort and the more privileged has a more significant and demanding responsibility to make the world a more equitable place for all. I am thankful that the UN as the global ambassador is working towards this goal through its 2030 sustainable development agenda.

Before I conclude may I wish the deliberation on the Food Summit at individual country level, this pre-summit and the main summit later this year every success and I pray with our collective efforts we can all build a sustainable pathway to regenerate the food systems of the world leading to a better future for us all.

Thank You.
