

Statement delivered by
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Mr. please allow me to express my appreciation and gratitude for the excellent work and the progress already made on accelerating food systems transformation across all Summit Action Track groups.

Distinguished participants,

the current global crisis clearly shows us that the goal of ending hunger and all forms of malnutrition remains an immense challenge. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has, unfortunately, proven to be not only a health crisis, but also a livelihood crisis, turning into a hunger and malnutrition tragedy in many regions of the world. It is obvious that there is a problem with our food systems. Thus, transforming the way the world produces, consumes and thinks about the food and its impact on environment and human health is a challenge. It is our goal to make progress

future we want. And for the transformation to be effective, it needs everyone – all stakeholders in food systems – to take action.

With the United Nations Pre-Summit and the Summit itself, there has never been a better time to bring forward bold and concrete actions to build sustainable food systems that will grow our economies, advance health and drive prosperity while safeguarding our planet. Slovakia as an active member in the Action Track 1 stands firm in the ambition to ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all and to accelerate overall progress on the Sustainable Development Goal 2.

Ladies and gentlemen,

allow me to briefly outline the situation in Slovakia. Our attention is primarily focused on achieving sustainable food system that meets dietary and nutritious needs of the citizens, while simultaneously reducing the environmental impact. It is of a great significance to increase access to the supply of safe and nutritious food. Moreover, we aim to localize supply chains and support of sustainable local production and consumption. At the same time, we pay attention to food loss and waste, which we aim to reduce and minimize. Slovakia has joined countries and other stakeholders and decided to organize a National Food System Dialogue. The goal of the Dialogue is to boost nature-positive

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