

**Prerecorded Video-Statement of H. E. Mr. Costas Kadis, Minister of Agriculture, Rural  
Development and Environment of Cyprus, for the United Nations Food Systems  
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Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,

I am honored to represent the Republic of Cyprus at the United Nations Food Systems Summit, which is fully supported by my country.

This important Summit is convened in the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic, in a world facing climate and biodiversity extremities, and suffering from conflicts and uncertainty for the future. The Pre-Summit held in Rome in July, highlighted the imminent he

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have already joined, the inscription of the Mediterranean Diet as  
Alliance for the Principles of the  
Mediterranean Diet, recognizing the importance of healthy food and the Mediterranean  
Diet to contribute positively to the 2030 Agenda.

Through its National Sustainability Strategy and the tools that the new Common  
Agricultural Policy of the European Union provides, Cyprus paves the way for the  
efficient transformation of its agri-food industry to better protect the environment, deal  
with climate change and improve food safety and public health.

To conclude, this Summit offers us the opportunity to take the needed action and  
guidance for the transformation of our food systems. We must act NOW for the sake  
of future generations!

Thank you very much for your attention.