

**Statement by Mr. Georgi Sabev, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food and
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Mr. Secretary-

of Food Loss for the period 2021-2026, which will initiate a long-term national policy on the awareness and commitment, related to the food waste problems.

Taking into account the challenges to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Republic of Bulgaria is interested in the international coalitions developed under the UN auspices and shares their goals of improving school meals and reducing food loss and food waste.

The need for a fundamental transformation of the food systems is now undisputable. Food systems need to be transformed in order to contribute to the establishment of more sustainable diets and at the same time become more resilient to the climate change while still preserving the volatile environment. Bulgaria supports the efforts made by UN agencies, funds and programs to accelerate the implementation of national commitments made in this area and we are a constructive and reliable partner.

I am convinced that today's Summit will encourage all of us to take the necessary steps in order to achieve sustainable food systems at regional and global level. The cooperation on a global scale is of paramount importance and it is the only way to carry out successful joint activities and initiatives.

Thank you for your attention!