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Your Excellences!

I would like to express my deep gratitude for the invitation to attend this high-level event related to food systems.

I regret that, we are limited to a virtual format of our discussions, due to the pandemic situation, but I really hope, that with joint efforts, we will soon return to normality.

During my brief statement, I would like to speak about our national perspectives on the contributions that food systems can realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda in the Republic of Moldova.

For the Republic of Moldova, the agro-industrial sector is certainly more than a priority on the Government agenda, as well as an important chain for the national economy, with a GDP share over 21% and a significant share of 36% of the employed population involved in this sector. These indicators are vulnerable to a number of complex challenges, such as: climate change, economic fluctuations and, more recently – the effects of COVID-

