

**Food Systems Summit - 23 September 2021**  
**Translation of the Declaration by Mr. Laurent ANSELMi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and**  
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Mr. President of the General Assembly,  
Ladies and Gentlemen, Heads of State and Government,  
Excellencies,

I regret not being able to meet you in New York today, but I am pleased to have the opportunity to send this message on the occasion of the Food Systems Summit.

Mr. Secretary General,

I thank you for organizing this unprecedented Summit, convened in 2019, on the eve of an unprecedented health crisis.

Allow me to congratulate the work carried out by your Special Envoy, Mrs. Agnès KALIBATA and her team.

Hundreds of millions of people were already suffering from hunger before the current pandemic, however, together with the effects of climate change, 130 million more people could be pushed into chronic hunger.

It is therefore up to us to consider all the data resulting from these simultaneous crises and to make them the foundation of our public policies.

This is a moral imperative.

As proof, let us listen to the warning that the IPCC has just launched once again.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Decisive action is needed now.

Food systems contribute to more than a third of global greenhouse gas emissions. Food waste alone is responsible for a large part of these emissions. This Summit, together with COP 26 on climate, offers a unique opportunity to hi      hirs a Sr92 reW\*nBTFPETQl

