



**Your Excellency Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations,**

**Your Majesties, Highnesses and Excellencies,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Honorable Secretary General,**

Tunisia, which places the issue of food security among its top development priorities, is working, against the backdrop of the harmful consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, to mitigate several challenges, especially monopoly, speculation, inflation and the rise in food cost.

In this context, our country believes that ensuring access to all safe foods for all, in a sustainable manner and at appropriate cost, is a pivotal and essential target to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals within the framework of our developmental plan, especially given its close interconnectivity with most other development goals such as poverty eradication, providing health for all and guaranteeing prosperous conditions for life in dignity and food security.

As we renew from this platform Tunisia's full engagement and continued support for all the efforts made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and all UN entities as well as by international and regional institutions to achieve a better response to the aspirations of the peoples of the world for development and prosperity, I wish all success in the work of this Summit in a manner that contributes to better prospects for future generations.

**Thank you.**