



STATEMENT  
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**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Food systems have an impact on several of the SDGs and are therefore an important lever, a catalyst for accelerating their achievement. There is an urgent need to undertake profound transformations so that these systems truly contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.

To this end, a strong mobilization of resources would be necessary to ensure the financing of these systems which, for almost two years, have been under the diktat of the COVID-19 global health crisis.

That is why I would like to appeal to the entire international community to pool our efforts so that the transformation of food systems can stem poverty and famine.

Thank you for your kind attention.