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Brazil believes that food and nutritional security is fundamental for the promotion of the exercise of citizenship. By understanding and addressing the challenges involved in tackling severe food insecurity and diseases resulting from malnutrition, Brazil, along with several other countries here represented, have enhanced its efforts to tackle the global food issue affecting different regions of the planet.

An evidence-based understanding of the interrelationship between demographic trends and food systems; food security and nutrition; and relevant policy responses will be an essential input to broader international discussions of food security, nutrition and food systems in 2021, including at the United Nations Food Systems Summit, to be held at the UN General Assembly in September.

Brazil believes that the promotion of healthy food and the protection of the right to adequate food involve the establishment of sustainable food systems, with the participation of local communities, through efficient public policies.

Actions to improve food security and nutrition in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic including targeted social protection programs, mainly for vulnerable food system workers, and policies to foster production and distribution diversity and resilience can also contribute to a long-term food system transformation.

High and complex tariffs in the agriculture and food sectors, trade-distorting domestic support and unfair sanitary and phytosanitary measures don't contribute to our efforts. New and creative solutions are needed to endure this crisis.

The international community can count on Brazil as a reliable partner to improve food security around the world through a sustainable and healthy supply.

Thank you.