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Excellencies,

Colleagues,

1. We are meeting at a time when the fate of millions of migrants, refugees and forcibly displaced persons has seized the attention of

reflects the central role of agriculture and rural areas in

only in eliminating hunger and poverty, but also creating sustainable and inclusive societies and economies in the future. Investing in smallholder farmers and rural people is a major

requirement to achieve the SDGs. These are also investments that intersect directly with some of the principal underlying causes of migration and forced displacement.

6. Indeed, rural investment can improve the lives of migrants and displaced people. Investing in agriculture, the mainstay of the rural