

Prerecorded Video Statement

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Excellencies ,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I. Introduction: Relevance of the UN Food Systems Summit

- x I would like to send greetings to Rome from the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture in Berlin.
- x We are here to tackle one of the key challenges faced by the international community:
 - x the transformation of the world 's food systems
 - x for more sustainability, resilience and cooperation.
- x Even before the pandemic , we knew that our food systems were at risk:
 - x poverty, climate change, loss of biodiversity and fertile agricultural land, exploitation

- x At the same time, these are challenges that we can only meet hand in hand – as one global alliance .
- x The United Nation’ s 2030 Agenda with its Sustainable Development Goals is showing all of us the way to a better world .
- x To a world in which the human right to adequate food can be realised and in which our natural resources can be protected at the same time.
- x This is why the UN Food Systems Summit in September is of paramount importance to our Federal Government:
- x It will raise global awareness of the fight against all types of malnutrition and poverty.
- x We want to develop a joint international vision for sustainable and viable food systems.
- x And we will determine what we all can and should contribute to sustainable food systems .
- x We have to walk the talk .
- x We have done important groundwork at our national dialogue.
- x The UN Food Systems Summit is a chance to present these activities and experiences to an international audience.
- x As an example, we are supporting the World Food Programme ’s school feeding coalition.
- x As a member of the High-Level Steering Committee , I am delighted to support healthy and sustainable school nutrition.

II. Prerequisites for future -proof and sustainable food systems

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- x Germany welcomes a global transition to sustainable food systems.
- x Through our National Sustainability Strategy , Germany is making an important contribution to the transformation of the agri-food industry.
- x During Germany's Presidency of the Council of the European Union, we negotiated a realignment of the Common Agricultural Policy.
- x This means that there will be a system change
- x towards better environmental protection and climate stewardship – in (er)-13.2 ()0.5 (e)-8.6 (n)- (an)-13.4 (g)-13.4 (e)]TJ 0 y Tc 0.00

x Sustainable and healthy diets must be promoted by means of

- x The United Nations Food Systems Summit will be a key driver for realigning the global food system .
- x I firmly believe that this pre-summit is the right forum for the necessary groundwork.
- x In this spirit, I wish you and all of us every success!
- x Thank you very much!