Statement by the President of the Republic of Poland, H.E. Mr. Andrzej Duda at the United Nations Food Systems Summit New York, 23 September 2021

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to congratulate you on this timely event concerning a topic important for Poland - a major producer and exporter of high quality food and agricultural products. We support the efforts to transform food systems and make them responsive to the needs of sustainable development. For a number of years now we have been taking action in this area at the national lef1.13 47.4 Tm0 g0 G(

advisory body tasked with working out solutions for rural areas. Moreover, I am committed to contributing to the preservation and promotion of their unique cultural heritage. This is why I am hosting each year the Presidential Harvest Festival, last edition of which took place last weekend. The high quality of Polish food is determined among others by the rich tradition of production of regional or traditional, organic foods by often family-run businesses.

I have also repeatedly stressed the need to build sustainable food systems and food security worldwide, including during my last year's visit to the Headquarters of the International Fund for Agricultural Development in Rome. Let me reiterate that Poland recognizes the importance of international cooperation and assistance in this regard. We look forward to its development.

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