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## CFS 46 Delegate Statement

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Statement:

Mr President, Members of the Bureau, ladies and gentlemen,

I am honored to represent Brazil at this Plenary Session of the World Food Security Committee.

We have here a privileged opportunity to strengthen intersectoral dialogue in the field of food security and nutrition, and to share

experiences with high level participants from governments, civil society, the private sector and other actors engaged in finding solutions to these global issues.

Currently, Brazil is not part of the Hunger Map, but the Brazilian government remains vigilant to ensure the sustainability of this achievement.

Brazilian intersectoral policies aim to ensure access to adequate, nutritious and healthy food in different life cycles and according to people's daily needs.

The right to health and the right to food are inalienable, indivisible and interdependent human rights, and in Brazil they are constitutionally guaranteed.

Our national health system, the SUS, is one of the largest public and universal systems in the world. It provides access to health for over two hundred million people, promoting equity and comprehensive care.

In the last decades, we have witnessed an important demographic transition and various transformations in the lifestyles of the populations.

As Minister of Health but, above all, as a physician, I can witness the impact of these changes on the epidemiological and nutritional profile of the Brazilian population.

In Brazil, chronic non communicable diseases are the leading cause of death in adults. Among children, we experience an intense reduction in stunting, while facing a significant increase in overweight and obesity, besides other outcomes of malnutrition.

Among the causes that led us to this scenario are the excessive intake of salt, sugar and fat, the increasing consumption of ultraprocessed foods, combined with more sedentary lifestyles.

We also know that, unfortunately, these elements are not unique to Brazil or the Americas: obesity and overweight are also global and growing challenges to public health and to the well-being of

our populations. This is what "The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World" presented here today reports.

Nationally, we are strengthening the promotion of physical activity, healthy diets and healthy lifestyles. Our Dietary Guidelines for the Brazilian Population has innovated, by promoting healthy eating based on food and processes which integrate the entire food system so that every citizen can make conscious choices and pursue healthier lifestyles.

Technological innovations and scientific evidence must be used in favor of the necessities of our populations. They must take into account different food cultures, specific needs of women and groups in situation of vulnerability, physical and financial accessibility to food, seeking the harmony between quantity and quality and adequate and sustainable production practices.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Given the growing challenges asserted by the SDGs and the Decade of Action on Nutrition, I am convinced that the world efforts towards achieving Food Security and Nutrition for all will be strengthened on the international agenda in the years to come.

I take this opportunity to reaffirm Brazil's commitment to the healthy food systems agenda, to Food Security and Nutrition and to the Human Right to Adequate Food.

Thank you very much.

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