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**Dear Mr. Chairman,
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,**

On behalf of the **President of Turkmenistan** let me greet you and wish the Presidium and participants of the forum the successful work.

At the beginning of my speech, I would like to inform of arrangements, taking for increasing of the rate of agricultural production in our country, which are realized under the leadership of the **Honorable President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov**.

The wide-ranging reforms carried out in all fields of the economy are directed to the strengthening of legal regulations, improvement of economic system, providing of higher living standards for the population, and, first of all, guaranteeing of food safety of the country.

I would like to mention that in 2008 Turkmenistan started to implement the National Program of **the President of Turkmenistan** on reformation of social and living conditions of the population of villages, settlements, towns and regional centers for the period till 2020.

It is planned to allocate about 14 billion US dollars within the framework of this program for the period of 2008-2020. The funds will be directed to the construction of living premises, pre-school institutions, schools, health centers, roads and other objects of infrastructure in rural area, which are undoubtedly affected on increasing of agricultural production. In order to raise the output of agricultural production and create the favorable economic conditions in the country, the unprecedented measures were taken by the government to support the producers of goods. For the farmers of Turkmenistan, producers of cotton and wheat, working on contractual basis, we established the complex of preferences in taxation and crediting, discount on payments for the seed grain, machines and technical services, chemicals and mineral fertilizers. Besides that, land cultivating and livestock breeding

farmers are fully exempted from all kinds of tax payments. The land and water is free of charge for them.

We laid the new legislative basis for the development of the market relations in the farming industry: the laws "About the farmers' associations", "About archins (heads of farms) "About farms" are adopted.

Taking into account technical equipment as one of the main conditions for the development of the farming industry, **Honorable President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov** allocates the significant funds for purchase of thousand of units of highly efficient machinery for the needs of farming and water sectors of the country.

"Dayhanbank" should grant to the farmers associations the ten-year credits with 1% of annual interest rate to purchase agricultural machinery and equipment.

We take arrangements for intensive development of the basic branch of agricultural production – grain farming, the key element of which is the wheat cultivation. In Turkmenistan also cotton, rice, vegetables, melons and gourds, potatoes, grapes, and other crops are produced.

It should be mentioned that the domestic market of the country is fully supplied all the year round by locally grown fresh vegetables, melons and gourds.

The great attention is paid to the development of the livestock breeding in the country. Along with the increase in the number of livestock, small cattle and camels, the poultry farming is now developing.

In the agricultural scientific and research institutions of Turkmenistan the scientific researches aimed to creation of new high-yielding crops, elite and super elite, disease-resistant and adapted to the soil and climatic conditions of the country are carried out. Works on preserve the plants' genetic fund are conducted.

The production of crops mostly depends on irrigation, therefore the government pays special attention to solving the problems of irrigated lands water supply, water preservation, improvement of water ways, construction and treatment of collector and drainage network, improvement of the land-reclamation.

High production rates of the farming industry have provided for the rapid development of the processing industry. During the last years, tens of large governmental and hundreds of small and medium private processing enterprises have been constructed. The entrepreneurs make the large contribution to the production and processing of agricultural products.

The enterprises of the food industry of Turkmenistan manufacture the products meeting the world standards.

Thanks to everyday attention of **Honorable President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdymuhamedov** to the needs of the agriculture, the further rapid development of the agricultural sector of Turkmenistan is one of the main priorities of the state policy. As a result, the agricultural sector of the country, in a planned manner, puts into practice its tasks on strengthening the food safety of the country.

FAO in its activity resolves the important task – maintenance of food safety on the world level consolidating for this purpose the international efforts of its member-countries.

The organization does a lot to improve the living standards of rural population through development of their skills and knowledge, popularizing the appropriate experience and realization of joint projects.

At this conference decisions on necessity of measures development on decrease in the growing prices for food products in the world and their fast realizations are considered.

These measures will promote restraint of the further prices increasing for food products all over the world, and in the future to the possible prices reduction concerning the key goods.

Thank you for attention.