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- Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen.

**[Opportunities]**

- This conference provides an opportunity to generate the political will required to end malnutrition and achieve Zero Hunger.
- It is evidence of the growing support for improving nutrition.
- Nutrition is now at the heart of the global development agenda.
- Through its 60 recommendations across 15 sectors, the *Framework for Action* document outlines how national governments, civil society, business and the international community can come together with common purpose to improve nutrition.
- This framework builds on the efforts of 1,000 Days, the Scaling-Up Nutrition Movement and the Zero Hunger Challenge.
- All movements with the goal of not just reducing malnutrition and hunger, but with the goal of ending it.

**[Importance of Multi-Sectoral Approach]**

- All-importantly, it provides an additional entry point to look outward and expand beyond any one sector.
- Eliminating malnutrition is not just a question of improving economies, growing nutritious foods, improving health interventions, strengthening agriculture or greater education.
- It is a question of all of them. Ending malnutrition requires each of us to work together and to solve this shared problem.
- The evidence demonstrates, when we work together holistically, we achieve dramatic transformations.

**[Role of Women]**

- Women are the world's frontline food, nutrition and health workers. Women also hold the frontline in education, agriculture and even economics.
- At village level, regional levels and national levels we need to recognize the essential role women play.
- Our role is to support and enable their efforts.

**[Improving Nutrition Requires Specific Actions]**

- We must recognize breaking intergenerational malnutrition requires specific efforts for: children in their first 1,000 days; adolescent girls; pregnant women and mothers.

- Proven interventions, such as nutritious complementary and fortified foods, must reach young children, mothers and women.
- If we collectively fail to prevent irreversible stunting in children today, not only do we limit children's potential, we also lay the groundwork for obesity and health problems for tomorrow.

**[Closing the Gap—Nutrition in Emergencies]**

- We must recognize the importance of preventing stunting as well acute malnutrition during humanitarian crises.
- We must give greater emphasis to nutrition in fragile states.
- Going forward, we must not create layers and layers of bureaucracy, instead generating possibilities and action.
- We must remember: investment in nutrition is not just important, it is essential, for a peaceful, productive and stable world.