

**Statement on behalf of Germany**  
**47th Committee on World Food Security**  
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**Item II: ‘Food Security and Nutrition: Building a Global Narrative Towards 2030’**

Madam/Mr Chair,

1. Germany aligns itself with the statement by the EU and its 27 Member States.
2. Germany acknowledges the HLPE’s report ‘Food security and nutrition: building a global narrative towards 2030’, which demonstrates the need to address weaknesses in current food systems in order to achieve food security and nutrition and the realization of the right to adequate food for all, thus especially SDG 2.
3. We emphasize that food systems affect all SDGs and encompass crucial entry points for transformative progress across the 2030 Agenda. Therefore, we welcome the convening of the UN Food Systems Summit by the UN Secretary-General. It will be a crucial stepping-stone in achieving sustainable and resilient food systems, contributing to progress across all SDGs. The urgency of this task is underlined by the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, environmental degradation, loss of biodiversity, rising levels of all forms of malnutrition, armed conflicts and resource scarcity.
4. We consider the Summit process as an important driver to raise public awareness of the need for sustainable and resilient food systems and welcome its inclusive and multi-sectoral preparation. To this end, we are working together with civil society, private sector, academia, and other stakeholders and very much welcome the Summit’s claim to be a people’s and solutions summit.
5. Germany is actively engaged in the Summit preparatory process. Beyond our financial contribution, we are actively participating in the discussions of the Action Tracks. Moreover, Germany is part of a Rome-based Group of Friends for the Summit that ensures broad consultation with Member States and an inclusive dialogue on key priorities. We attach great importance to the Food Systems Summit Dialogues, which offer a formidable platform for wide and inclusive stakeholder engagement. We will most likely also engage in the national dialogues and we will incorporate their results into our own approaches.
6. We believe it is critical that the Rome-based agencies are involved as key knowledge hubs for the preparation and implementation of the Summit, particularly FAO and CFS, and welcome their close involvement. In this vein, we commend the Chair of the

CFS and the Chair of the HLPE as well as the PSM for having accepted the invitation extended by Special Envoy Dr Kalibata and actively participating in the process. Having said this, we sincerely hope that CSM can also join in and contribute with its very important expertise to the overall success of the process and Summit itself.

7. Germany welcomes that the HLPE report highlights the importance of the interconnection between different systems and sectors as well as their improved coordination. We are sure that the report will not only be a useful contribution to the discussions on Action Track 1 ('Ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all'), but to the overall preparation of the Summit.
8. The UN Food Systems Summit, as well as the close involvement of the HLPE as the science-policy interface of the CFS in the area of food security and nutrition, are critical to achieve the catalytic transformation we are aiming for. Only by joint efforts and science- and evidence-based actions will we be able to achieve the SDGs by 2030.

Thank you.

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