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## **Remarks by H.E. Mr. Hee-seog Kwon**

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Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

The global community stands at a crucial juncture of less than 10 years to achieve SDG whereas the number of the undernourished has been increased along with various risks such as climate change and Covid-19 pandemic. With this backdrop, CFS's roles, as an inclusive international and intergovernmental platform dealing with food security issues, are significant more than ever.

The Republic of Korea appreciates the High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE) for their great efforts on this comprehensive as well as timely report. My delegation expects this report to be used as a valuable material for food systems discussions, policy developments and implementations during the preparation of the Food Systems Summit. With our full support to the concept of food security, the current trends, and potential policy directions demonstrated herein, we would like to mention particularly about environmental and market trends.

Firstly, my delegation recognizes agriculture and rural areas as a major sector and area that are deeply intertwined with environment and lie at the forefront of the major threat. According to the current global stream towards carbon neutrality and the Food-Energy-Climate Nexus, the Korean government is proactively developing and disseminating agricultural measures of reducing greenhouse gases as well as renewable energies from various agricultural by-products. We strongly suggest others to take actions together based on a firm belief that every member in the planet has to take its own part. Also, we look forward to

having constructive discussions regarding measures for sustainable food systems at the Partnership for Green Growth and Global Goals 2030 (P4G) Summit which is to be hosted by the Korean Government in this May.

Secondly, the Covid-19 pandemic apparently revealed our challenges that a disruption of the supply chain causes various cascading effects including detrimental results on food security. In this regard, my delegation strongly emphasizes the fundamental principle that the global food trade needs to be open and transparent based on reliable and scientific evidence. The Republic of Korea emphasizes a close cooperation among member states, international organizations and partners. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with various partners through exchanging relevant information and knowledge during our battle with the pandemic and afterwards.

Thank you.