

Statements regarding Covid-19 Q&A session in the morning on 11th Feb.

Thank you for giving me the floor.

I appreciate the meaningful remarks from the previous speakers and the former chairs on the impacts of Covid-19 pandemic on food security and nutrition. It is true that food insecurity caused by climate change and various conflicts has intensified due to Covid-19 pandemic last year. We can see the FAO's food price index, released last week, has risen for the eighth consecutive month, and the grain has risen further.

The Republic of Korea insists we should work together more to strengthen food security. It is important to monitor international grain prices together and share information transparently with other member states and international organizations.

However, even though every country knows it, but it is not easy to make an action and a measure promptly, as many speakers including CSM mentioned at the last three days of CFS meetings. My government is also trying to find out how to deliver CFS products and other outputs from international dialogues to people in country level. So, I'd like to hear from you what concrete roles CFS and member states should play to increase utilization of CFS products so that the policy recommendations of CFS can lead to action rather than just words.

Thank you.

