



**Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia**

**Statement of Intervention**

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**Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,**

**Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

1. Indonesia would like to extend its appreciation to the UN Agencies, particularly UN Rome-Based Agencies (RBAs) for their joint efforts in transforming food systems to ensuring food security and healthy diets for all, sustainably and inclusively.
2. We congratulate the CFS for the comprehensive and timely SOFI Report, which highlights the reverse and very concerning trends in food security. We note the alarming fact that our global food security and nutrition were not on track to achieve the SDGs.
3. As we only have nine years left to achieve the SDGs, we believe this severe situation calls us for the need to transform our agri-food systems to be more nutritious, equitable, inclusive, and sustainable.

**Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

4. To better address this situation, Indonesia has developed a set of policies and actions that focus on accelerating food system transformation based on four principles: collaborative, transformative, resilient, and sustainable.
5. Our efforts in the last three years have shown the resilience of the agricultural sector compared to other sectors. In 2020, agriculture was the only sector that

grew positively by 1.75 percent (c-to-c) compared to 2019 and generated more employment during the pandemic. We had also successfully maintained our food availability and managed to reduce the experienced-based food insecurity prevalence (FIES) and food inflation.

6. This success story underlines the importance of using local resources, developing local capacities, and ensuring policy coherence and inclusivity.

**Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

7. We support the recently endorsed CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition” as an essential tool to support the established Indonesian legal frameworks on food security and nutrition, including: (1) the Food Law and (2) National Strategic and National Action Plan on Food Security and Nutrition, which are updated every 5 years.
8. To conclude, the Indonesian Government commends the role of CFS in promoting policy changes to address current dynamic challenges. in this connection, we would like to reaffirm our commitment to support global efforts in achieving food security and nutrition.
9. We are fully committed to continuing the synergy with all stakeholders, especially in dealing with the impact of the pandemic, including through the South-South and Triangular Cooperation framework and our G20 presidency in the Agriculture Working Group, next year.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.