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Excellencies,

It is a pleasure to address the 53rd Session of the FAO Committee on World Food Security on behalf of the International Development Law Organization.

We are entering the decisive phase in our collective effort to end hunger and all forms of malnutrition by 2030.

The 2025 State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World report offers some encouraging signs of progress, but it also reminds us that many challenges remain.

When we talk about food security, we often focus on production, technology or finance.

Yet, one critical enabler is too often overlooked – the rule of law.

At IDLO, we see the rule of law as the foundation that allows food systems to work fairly and effectively.

It means having clear and non-discriminatory laws, accountable institutions, and equal access to justice – so that promises translate into real change on the ground.

It helps governments manage natural resources responsibly, protect the rights of farmers and consumers and build food systems that are more resilient to shocks.

But the rule of law also tackles the deeper causes of food insecurity.

It helps create economic opportunities, resolve disputes peacefully, and build trust in the institutions that serve people.

As we look toward 2030, achieving food security will depend not only on what we produce, but on how we govern.

Through the transformative power of the rule of law, we can build a safer, more prosperous, and more food secure world for all.

At IDLO, we stand ready to partner with you every step of the way.

Thank you.