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We are gravely concerned about the humanitarian situation in both Ukraine and its neighboring countries caused by Russia's aggression against Ukraine, on which we reiterate our commitment to the strong condemnation of the international community. Ukraine's sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence must be respected.

When considering the share of Ukraine and Russia in the global agricultural market, this situation is expected to have a significant impact on the global food security, in particular, low-income countries and countries vulnerable to food shock.

We need to find a humanitarian way so that we can take actions to address the food crisis.

Korea is willing to further strengthen cooperation with the international community through food assistance and ODA projects.

FAO should analyze the impact of this crisis on global food security in an accurate and prompt manner, and strengthen cooperation system with other UN organizations and relevant communities on humanitarian grounds.

In particular, FAO needs to take an active role in minimizing the impact of the crisis on global food security by sharing the responsibilities with other Rome-based agencies including the WFP and IFAD.

Moreover, FAO needs to work in conjunction with the initiatives such as G20's Agricultural Market Information System (AMIS), by analyzing global food price and supply status, and share accurate and timely information with the member states so that they can establish appropriate measures based on objective information.

In this difficult time, it is important that each country keeps the function of the global food supply chain to sustain food security.

The international community including the member states should join forces and work together to provide practical support to nutritionally vulnerable countries and vulnerable groups.