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Good evening. First of all Madam Chair, I would like to thank you very much for giving me the floor and also, we would like to express our congratulations to the new Director-General.

Ladies and gentlemen, your excellencies, friends, the statistics that we have right now from United Nations institutions shows us that the situation as far as world hunger is getting worse. There is no optimism on the horizon today as more than any other time the moment has come to look at all of the factors which cause hunger and we have to find an effective road in order to resolve this particular situation.

100 % of the time spent in FAO are to be dedicated to this particular subject, but in reality over a year FAO has presented a sickness, the sickness of politicization, the illness of the ambitions of certain groups of countries, the sickness of certain groups in order to achieve world domination. The Secretariat is doing everything possible to remain neutral but unfortunately that has not been the case, the Council, the various committees are trying to do their best to form policies in order to fight hunger, they are to spend more time looking on that particular issue rather than on accusing different countries of different activities.

Discussions are to be focused on hunger and not on strive or conflicts. I would like to say to you representatives two thirds of the Members here of the COAG and of the FAO are not supporting the particular views that are being pushed by small groups of countries. Please follow the policies of the Security Council as a General Assembly of the UN, then the FAO can be the FAO. This is what we are to focus on.

You are to also be strong enough and courageous enough to admit your errors. There is no reason in creating this particular confusion, this particular uncertainty with these sanctions and with these accusations and the FAO is not the place for those things to be expressed anyway. What we have to do is focus on how we minimalize and get rid of hunger. We have to look at the issues of export, of fertilizers, fertilizers which produce that yield which helps us to fight hunger.

Billions of people are suffering from hunger and that hunger is not in those countries which are exercising these accusations and these accusations have nothing to do with fighting hunger. So, I would like to invite all to be responsible to conduct dialogue, to find resolutions to the problems, resolutions to issues are not those which might be comfortable, they may involve asking questions of oneself, and Belarus as a country which produces important fertilizers for the world is ready to participate in this discussion in a discussion which aimed to truly combatting hunger and providing food security. Thank you very much ladies and gentlemen.