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The Chairperson,
His Royal King of Lesotho,
Director-General of FAO,
Director-General of WHO,
Heads of Delegations,
Honorable Ministers,
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my pleasure to deliver a message of warm greetings from the people of the Republic of Zambia.

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) of the United Nations for successfully organizing this Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2).

This conference has come at a right time considering that the countries of the world are now looking at the post MDGs period. The Government of Zambia wishes to affirm, its commitment to the values of the United Nations in guaranteeing improvements in nutrition for children and women and the populations at large. We would also like to reaffirm the commitments made at the first International Conference on Nutrition in 1992, the World Food Summits of 1996 and 2002, the World Summit on Food Security in 2009.

We further remain firm to continue pursuing other relevant international targets and action plans, including the WHO 2025 Global Nutrition Targets and the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non Communicable Diseases 2013-2020.

The Zambian government put in place the National Food and Nutrition Policy in 2006. The policy is being operationalized through the National Strategy on Food and Nutrition for the period 2011-2015. We strongly believe in strengthening and supporting improvements in nutrition among the Zambia people. This is because we are convinced that investment in nutrition especially for the young children and women can have positive benefits to our national economy and development. We acknowledge with appreciation, the efforts made to Government and the cooperating partners in scaling up of nutrition interventions in the country; strengthening nutrition governance and coordination; strengthening food and nutrition research as well as putting in place one common monitoring and evaluation framework for food and nutrition in the Country.

I wish to bring to your attention that Zambia has been one of the early risers in Scaling Up Nutrition interventions. I am therefore glad to let this conference know that our government has continued to provide leadership as well as creating favourable environment that is enhancing active engagement of stakeholders in this multi-sectoral efforts aimed at Scaling up nutrition interventions in the Country. It is in this regard that Zambia has started to review relevant legislation needed for strengthening nutrition governance.

By virtue of the fruitful deliberations in this conference, I am confident that sound mechanism will be evolved by improved data sharing and coordination at inter-governmental level and will shape the direction of nutrition in member countries over the next decade. Zambia still remains committed to improving the nutrition situation of the country.

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Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, dear colleagues, Zambia, therefore, looks forward to continued co-operation with FAO, WHO and other cooperating partners to continue aligning its support to the Zambia's National Nutrition Investment Programmes

I thank you