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*Ending Hunger and Achieving
Food Security for All*

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Excellencies,
Colleagues,
Ladies and gentlemen,

- 1.** The previous speakers have clearly described the current situation of world hunger, vulnerability and inequality. I do not need to tell you how critical the issue is. Or how much more support is needed to deliver on SDG2 by 2030, 10 years from now.

- 2.** Instead, let me take these few minutes to recall and remind all of us that even in a world of crisis, even in a world of conflict, pandemic, and extreme weather – there is still hope.

- 3.** We have seen time and time again how communities can go from food insecurity to food and nutrition security when rural women and men have access to financial services. When they have access to markets, when they have access to knowledge, to training. When governments, development institutions and private sector partners invest in infrastructure that benefit small-scale producers -- for irrigation, transportation, safe storage, and et cetera.

4. We have seen the benefits of early investment in resilience, so that even now, in the middle of a global pandemic, there are farming families who are still able to grow, sell, and eat.
5. And most of all, we know that to create a world without hunger, we need to focus our energy, and our efforts, where the vast majority of the world's hungry and food insecure live -- The rural areas of developing countries.
6. Experience repeatedly shows – in places as varied as Burkina Faso, China, Ghana, India, and Thailand – that small-scale producers can contribute to food security and lead agricultural growth.
7. In fact, let's recall, that small farming systems produce 50 per cent of the world's food calories on only 30 per cent of its agricultural land.

Ladies and gentlemen,

8. With an economic recession on the horizon, **it is time to redouble our efforts to deliver on our Agenda 2030, particularly on zero hunger.**
9. **Thank you so much.**

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