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Julia Klöckner**

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Honorable Ministers,

Dear Chairman [Thanawat] **Tiensin,**

(Chair of the Committee on World Food Security)

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I. Opening remarks

- I am honoured to deliver this statement on behalf of the Honorable Julia Klöckner, Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture.
- Germany aligns itself with the statement by the EU and its Member States.

- 8 months ago with the **adoption of the Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition**, we as the global community have **sent out a strong signal regarding the importance of sustainable and resilient food systems for achieving the SDGs by 2030.**

II. Relevance of the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition

- The VGs are a powerful reaffirmation of the **right to adequate food.**
- They **underline the importance of sustainable food systems for healthy diets.**
- They **form the backbone for all processes in the area of sustainable food systems for healthy diets**, including the recent UN Food Systems Summit.

III. Impact of the Voluntary Guidelines on the work in Germany

- **For Germany**, the Guidelines play an integral part of our work internationally. They reinforce our national and European approach of acting in a **more holistic manner, looking at the entire food value chain.**
- We are committed to **sustainable food systems**
 - that promote **healthy diets** and **protect natural resources**,

- that are **climate-resilient** and compliant with **animal welfare standards**,
- and that **preserve biodiversity**.
- Germany **promotes these principles** at the national level in particular by its **National Sustainable Development Strategy**.
- But **also by implementing** for example:
 - the National Reduction and Innovation Strategy for Sugar, Fats and Salt in Convenience Foods,
 - the Nutri-Score, with clear labeling on food products,
 - the National Strategy for Food Loss and Waste Reduction,
 - the Livestock Husbandry Strategy,
 - the Strategy for the Future of Organic Farming,
 - or the National Bioeconomy Strategy – just to name a few.

IV. Concluding remarks

- Let me conclude by saying: We believe sustainable food systems and the SDGs can only be fully achieved by 2030 if **all actors across all sectors work synergistically together**.

- The **CFS** as a globally unique and all-inclusive body **plays a central role** in this regard.
- We therefore continue to encourage all actors involved - governmental and non-governmental - to **actively engage with this document and in the follow-up to the UN FSS.**
- Let's implement the Guidelines at local level and let's benefit from the enormous momentum created by the Summit!
- Having said all this, we would like to take this opportunity to **express our gratitude in particular to the Chairman Thanawat Tiensin**, who was particularly committed bringing all actors together and to improving the implementation of the CFS products during his tenure, as well as to his team.
- Let's continue to use the CFS Voluntary Guidelines on Food Systems and Nutrition as a **key element of our joint action!**
- **Thank you.**