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Agenda item 2: State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021

Thank you, Mr. Chairman

- 1 Thailand congratulates the Chair of the High-Level Panel of Expert Steering Committee for their efforts in preparing the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021.
- 2 In over the year we are all facing the COVID-19 pandemic affecting all dimensions also on food security and malnutrition due to the lock down as well as international trade disruption. The number of the hunger has increased significantly.
- 3 Within this situation, Thailand still continues to strive to reduce the number of hunger and poverty along with promoting food security and nutrition while ensuring accessible and affordable healthy diets for all.
- 4 The <u>crop calendar</u> at the <u>provincial level</u> was established in 2018 to support area-based long term policy for food security and nutrition management both in crisis and normal situation. The calendar contains information on the monthly agricultural production, area of plantation, harvested area, product distribution at the provincial level.
- 5 Data in the calendar is significant to each province to know how much food supply they have. In addition, the calendar also provides the preliminary information about the nutrition level of macro and

micro nutrient in each province. This information would be help provincial government to develop its own food Security and Nutrition policy.

6 During COVID-19 pandemic some provinces had been using crop calendar for preparing the food reserve plan during the provincial lock down measure.

Mr. Chairman

7 Last but not least, Thailand commits to continue the implementation in order to achieve food security and eliminate malnutrition at all forms. We are willing continue our role in enhancing partnerships for sustainable development through the promotion of the participation of all countries and all stakeholders to share experiences and best practices. We do believe that this will be the most effective way to drive progress and achieve on all SDGs.

Thank you.