

# The Statement of the Republic of Korea

## Coordinating Policy Responses to the Global Food Crisis – The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2022

- While we only have 8 years left until 2030, the target year to achieve the SDGs, my delegation welcome the report that includes the assessment of the status on food security and nutrition until 2021, and comprehensive aspects while presenting the future direction.
- Despite the collective efforts towards achieving the SDGs, the number of people in hunger reached 702 million to 828 million, up by 150 million after the COVID-19 pandemic. By 2030, about 670 million people, which is 8 percent of the world population are expected to face hunger, leaving us with a serious food security crisis.
- We agree with the report saying that challenges including dispute, conflict, climate change and extreme weather, and economic recession and depression as well as the pandemic are the main cause of the global hunger and malnutrition. In particular, global inflation and economic crisis are making it difficult for some donor countries to secure budgets for humanitarian aid. While the demand for humanitarian aid is increasing, the increase in mobilization of resources for this purpose is facing limit.

- Therefore, solidarity among countries and cooperation between international organizations are imperative. Strategic allocation of budget according to the priorities would be critical for efficient use of limited amount of budget.
- Furthermore, a cross-sectoral and inclusive approach is needed while considering that food systems interact with a broad range of areas including health, environment, society and economy, going beyond the survival of human. I would like to highlight that during this course, we need to embrace the vulnerable groups of people including women, youths, disabled people and indigenous people.
- In this regard, my delegation reiterates that CFS's roles, as an inclusive international and intergovernmental platform dealing with food security issues, are significant more than ever.
- The Korean government will do its part continuing its close collaboration with the global community for global food security.
- Thank you.