



Mr. Chair,

Listening to the statement delivered by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture of the Palestinian Authority, Mr. Abdallah Saleh Lahlouh, brings up the question of the purpose of this event.

The State of Israel is disappointed with the words said by Mr. Lahlouh, who brought up the political situation of the Israeli – Palestinian conflict from a one-sided perspective. We believe that using this language on this stage divert the message that we are all focus on - achieving zero hunger around the world.

Israel works with the Palestinian people in order to improve their lives, and examines ways for cooperation with the goal of leaving no one behind. We continue to cooperate and to establish new collaborations with global partners in order to share our know-how and expertise. We believe that working together will lead us to global achievements in the field of climate change, agriculture and food security.

We expect the Food and Agriculture Organization to avoid any politicized message so we could all work together to achieve our common goals in alignment with Agenda 2030 .