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H.E.M. ALI BONGO ONDIMBA  
PRESIDENT OF THE GABONESE REPUBLIC

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IN VIRTUAL MODE

Ladies and Gentlemen, Heads of State and Government;  
Mr. Secretary General of the United Nations;

Ladies and Gentlemen, National Coordinators of National Consultations;

Ladies and Gentlemen, Heads of Diplomatic Missions;

Ladies and Gentlemen, Technical and Financial Partners;

Ladies and gentlemen

Allow me, at the beginning of my remarks and first of all, to convey to you the warm greetings of His Excellency Mr. Ali BONGO ONDIMBA, President of the Gabonese Republic, who entrusts me to send you his regrets for not being able to take part personally at this World Summit on Food Systems.

Also, the President of the Gabonese Republic has done me the great honor of representing him at this meeting which focuses on the resilience of the food systems of our States.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Heads of State and Government,

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It is aware of the importance of the challenges it faces as a State and because our country is located in the heart of the Congo Basin, one of the two great green lungs of the planet, that Gabon under the impulse of the President of the Gabonese Republic, HE Mr. Ali BONGO ONDIMBA, is committed to intensify the process of diversification of its economy, based on the inclusion of women and young people and on the preservation of the environment, among others.

With this in mind, the Transformation Acceleration Plan that my Government has

production that is more resilient to shocks, able to offer national producers decent remuneration;

of animal health integrity and limitation of the environmental impact of productive activities are inseparable;

nsolidate the legal and financial framework in order to support the private sector in this area must be continued and intensified.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Heads of State and Government,

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Gabon is resolutely committed to the transition to a more inclusive, fairer and more sustainable economy, therefore more respectful of the environment.

We would therefore like to invite all States to adopt a Roadmap based on policies that reconcile the ability to achieve food self-sufficiency and the preservation of our planet. Only in our opinion, together and in solidarity, will we succeed in meeting this challenge!

Thank you.