

Excellencies,
ladies and gentlemen,

Two months have passed since the Summit in Rome. What has happened since? In Afghanistan, for example, another humanitarian disaster is looming. In the coming twelve months, half of all children will suffer from malnutrition. 18 million people need humanitarian aid. 15,000 children still die from starvation every day worldwide.

We had been making good progress. Since 1990, the number of hungry people had gone down by 200 million. Now it is rising. COVID has disrupted supply chains, made jobs and