Statement by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan H.E. Mr. Sirojiddin Muhriddin

at the UN Food Systems Summit

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Distinguished Secretary-General,

Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is my honor to deliver a Statement on behalf of the Government of Tajikistan at the UN Food Systems Summit 2021.

First of all, I would like to emphasize the importance of

development of the agriculture, including the introduction of new technologies and innovations with a view to reducing the negative impact on the environment and creating of the green economy are among the main priorities of the National Development Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan to 2030.

It is worth mentioning that the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan determined the food security among its four strategic goals. Since gaining independence, Tajikistan has

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been cooperating with the relevant UN structures and international organizations in promoting this goal as well as in achieving SDG-2 (ensuring food security) and addressing the issues of climate change and nutrition.

The implementation of these goals has a multilateral character and requires international and regional cooperation. In this regard, we are looking forward to cooperating with the UN agencies in attracting the necessary resources of the donor countries.

Tajikistan advocates uniting efforts at the international and regional levels to prevent tackle and eliminate the consequences of food shortage and ensure food security in the country.

Ladies and gentlemen,

It should be noted that, after the rise of Taliban to power in Afghanistan this country is on the brink of a humanitarian disaster. The people are at risk of severe hunger. Obviously, the Taliban lack the capacity to develop and implement alement