OPENING REMARKS BY MINISTER LE MINH HOAN At the Pre-Summit of the UN Food Systems Summit

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Your Excellencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen

We are in the first year of the decade of action to realize the Sustainable Development Goals. The Covid-19 pandemic has been causing critical consequences for health, economy and social security on a global scale. Food supply chains have been disrupted; and living mo(2 0 Tdl1 0 Tdi2 (it)8(it)8 of 5(he)8pare(usp)8614 Viie)8(ia)3..1 (lt)& (u)8 Nam expects to enhance the cooperation with relevant stakeholders:

Firstly, facilitate the linkages of innovation networks both at the national and global levels. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is working with the World Economic Forum to promote the Food Systems Initiative; joining in "the Agriculture Innovation Mission for Climate" initiative proposed by the United States and the United Arab Emirates; participating the "Joint Statement on Sustainable Agricultural Production and Food Systems" initiated by Japan and some ASEAN countries in the Monsoon Region. Viet Nam wishes to become a Food **lisho**vation F

Thirdly, formulate and update the national food balance sheet as the basis for production and distribution; at the same time, intensify education and awareness raising to shape healthy and nutritional balanced eating habits for all in order to shift to healthy, green and responsible consumption patterns as well as reducing food loss and food waste.

Fourthly, support development of equitable and sustainable agri-food value chain by promoting grassroots farmer organization development and diversified public-private partnerships to incentivize private investments for responsible, transparent and sustainable agricultural value chains, which is the key for enhancing coherence and equal benefits among actors in agri-food value chains; Scale up and

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Remarks by Minister In video clip at the second national dialogue

"The Government of Viet Nam recognize the need of close collaboration among nations and actors in the food systems to create deep and wide changes in the entire systems. This will help us perform better in poverty reduction, food and nutrition security in rural areas, remote areas, ethnic minority and vulnerable groups, especially women and children. It is also an opportunity to connect and develop our key agricultural value chains in a transparent, responsible and sustainable manner."