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**Remarks by Brazil on item 2
Briefing on the preparations for the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit**

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Madam Chair,

Thank you for giving me the floor. Since this is the first time my delegation is taking the floor following the election of the CPR Bureau, allow me to start by congratulating all its new members and recall that you can always count with the support of our delegation in the many tasks ahead towards UNEA-5.2, UNEP@50 and beyond.

I would also like to thank both the UNEP Executive-Director and the SG's Special Envoy, Dr. Agnes Kalibata for the briefings on the preparations for the Food Systems Summit and of the Pre-Summit. Nairobi is the center of gravity of environmental multilateralism, so it is indeed to keep the CPR informed of this process.

Madam Chair,

Brazil has been actively engaged in the Food Systems Summit preparatory process, particularly in light of the responsibility with which we view our role as a major link in the global agri-food supply chain. We have joined all five action tracks and organized several meetings as part of our national dialogue.

We look forward to engaging constructively in the Pre-Summit in Rome, where our delegation will be headed by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply. Brazil will also organize a multistakeholder affiliated parallel session entitled "*Harnessing the Contribution of International Agriculture Trade for Sustainable Food Systems*". Free and

fair trade is indeed a key aspect in ensuring the sustainability of our food systems and addressing food security and nutrition.

Madam Chair,

Regarding the Summit itself, my delegation has a few questions and comments regarding the Statement of Action and the “coalitions of action”.

With regard to the Statement of Action, my delegation has three comments. First, we stress that the document must be based on multilaterally agreed concepts and language, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It should therefore abandon the language that still tilts uncomfortably towards the late doctrine of planetary boundaries, from which the international community consensually decided to steer away as it stated that human beings are the center of the concerns for sustainable development, to quote Principle 1 of the Rio Declaration.

Secondly, we propose that every statement and figure in the Statement of Action be based on official sources and solid scientific evidence, especially when assessing the cost of food. And thirdly, the SG’s Statement of Action should include specific sections on the importance of research and innovation to increase sustainability and agricultural productivity, as well as on the impact of trade-distorting measures on food security.

A point that could benefit from better information to Member States is related to the “coalitions of action”. We feel that there is still a lack of clear guidance from the Secretariat as to how Member States can have full and effective participation and ownership in the coalitions.

Thank you, Madam Chair.
