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Mr President,
Mr. High Commissioner,
Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

The Sovereign Order of Malta is concerned about the role that food systems play in climate related impacts upon vulnerable communities, especially so during this period when we recognize the role that current global and regional conflicts are playing in food insecurity.

We welcome this report on transforming food systems presented to the Council that outlines the many ways in which climate risks are increasing for local communities, with particular note of the impacts upon human health, food security, and environmental resilience.

In its work, Malteser International, our worldwide relief agency, is working with local communities in developing sustainable food production systems, particularly in Lebanon where we have launched innovative projects under the title of "Agro-Humanitarian" work in agronomy and sustainable land use with local farm community leaders. There are currently 10 agro-humanitarian project sites in Lebanon providing sustainable food system support to local communities.

To ensure our agro-humanitarian work may continue to benefit these local communities and the environments where food system impacts from climate change are often acutely experienced, we would impress upon the Council the need for climate risk resilience to be established in public policy and supported by international law.

We look forward to continuing our work with our global partners to share best practices and to ensure that science and technology are aligned with economic and social development, so that we can expand our work in agro-humanitarian innovation in order to counteract the effects of climate change on food systems and to provide an adequate nutritionally dense diet for local communities worldwide.

Thank you.