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Indonesia is far away from here, I need more than 11 hours to be here, more than 5000 kilometres to be here. But I'm happy to be here with all of you.

Excellency, His Majesty King Letsie III, The Kingdom of Lesotho;

His Excellency Francesco Lollobrigida, Minister for Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests, Italy;

His Excellency, our friend, Qu Dongyu, Director-General of FAO;

His Excellency Roberto Gualtieri, Mayor of Rome;

Your Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is really a great honor and please to be here today at the first Global Exhibition of the World Food Forum, "From Seeds to Foods."

This theme is very close to our hearts and reminds us of the long journey from a small seed to the food that nourishes our families, communities and nations.

Behind every grain of rice or piece of fruit are the hands of farmers, both men and women, young and old. And they deserve not only praise but also respect, justice, and recognition for their hard work in growing our food.

Your Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Indonesia has made significant strides in development in its agriculture to ensure food security for its people, of course with the help from FAO.

We have moved from food shortages to food security.

In 1985, forty years ago, here at the FAO headquarters, Indonesia and France — President Soeharto and President Francois Mitterrand — stood side by side as leaders and celebrating our success in food self-sufficiency. And again, this is because the support of FAO and all of you from the FAO members.

That success showed the power of hard work, science, and strong partnerships.

These are also the factors that make it possible to us to achieve the same or even better results.

Partnerships are key because food security cannot be achieved alone. It comes from working together, sharing knowledge together, and trusting each other across borders.

Today, the world faces many new challenges like global climate change, that our colleague told us before, including global warming that causes new pests and diseases, and a growing population which requires more food with fewer resources.

The FAO plays an important role in leading global efforts to fight hunger. Not only important but more important to fight hunger.

Its symbol, *Fiat Panis*, means “let there be bread,” which reflects the goal to end hunger, achieve food security, improve nutrition, and support sustainable farming globally.

Food crises remind us that hunger is a shared challenge and that we must all act together.

Your Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Looking forward, as the world’s population grows, we need to produce more food.

This starts with better seeds — seeds that can survive changing climates, drought, pests and diseases.

But again, technology alone is not enough.

Farmers need fairness — fairness in achieving innovation, fairness in markets, and recognition for the value of their work.

Small farmers produce most of the world’s food but often remain on the side lines of markets.

Here, the FAO must be the voice that connects farmers to technology, connects farmers to finance, connects farmers to markets, and ensuring they receive fair treatment.

Imagine a world where no seed is wasted and no farmer is left behind.

A world where advances in gene editing, bioinformatics, and smart farming help everyone.

A world where digital tools and clear supply chains create equality and help small farmers thrive.

Indonesia is dedicated to strengthening global cooperation in agriculture.

We will continue to invest in research, we will continue in seed development, and we will continue in digital farming, sharing our knowledge with all countries.

Just as past agricultural breakthroughs have demonstrated the power of innovation, we believe international cooperation can lead us to more progress, and has chance to grow, and every farmer worldwide, including from Indonesia, earns a fair share for their hard work.

Together, let us build a future where food is not just a product but a promise of peace, prosperity, and dignity — where humanity thrives, and better seeds can feed the world.

Again, thank you very much.