



STATEMENT

BY

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
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**ON THE OCCASION OF A PANEL DISCUSSION
ON “SAFEGUARDING FOOD SECURITY
THROUGH MULTILATERALISM, TRADE AND
NATIONAL ACTIONS”**

President of the Economic and Social Council,
Ambassador Lachezara Stoeva;

Your Excellencies;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Multilateralism underscores the principle of working together in the comity of nations and presents many opportunities for safeguarding food security and sovereignty among other issues that affect the world today.

Zimbabwe's development experience has been recently characterised by the illegal sanctions and further curtailed by climate change, COVID-19 and global geo-political tensions. In spite of this, our, Government led agricultural transformation policies has shown that national food security can be attained through multi-pronged stakeholder participation for increased production, productivity and profitability within the sector.

As a country, we recognise that there are common goals at the multilateral level around food security and nutrition as well as peace and security, climate change, environment management and health, among many issues. However, there is greater need for coherence, collaboration and partnerships to address these global challenges.

In this regard, strategies to strengthen multilateralism and trade must be scaled up to guarantee food security and sovereignty across countries taking into account the different levels of development.

Institutions that oversee the global multilateral system are called upon to urgently reform and restore our confidence in multilateralism and the world trade system to ensure that all peoples have access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food.

I thank you.