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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

1. Malaysia wishes to congratulate the WHO particularly the Technical Advisory Group and the Regional Advisors, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and World Organization for Animal Health and all Member States for the tremendous effort in preparing and finalizing the WHO Global Strategy for Food Safety 2022-2030.
2. We believe the updated Global Strategy will add value to global health and Member States efforts by providing an overall vision and strategic priorities for concerted global action in food safety. It underlines the critical role of food safety in public health and the need for enhanced global cooperation across the whole food and feed chain to reduce the burden of foodborne diseases. The strategy also reflects and complements existing WHO health

programmes and initiatives, such as nutrition, non-communicable diseases, antimicrobial resistance, public health emergency and emerging diseases, climate change and environmental health.

3. These strategies will support the UN Food System Summit programs in realization of its aim to ensuring access to safe and nutritious food for all.
4. We fully support the emphasizes given on the role of Codex Alimentarius in this Global Strategy as Codex plays big role in assisting Member States in managing with global emerging food safety issues, provide guidance and reference in addressing food hazards, as well as building capacities and closer network with international organizations such as WHO and FAO. Malaysia commits our undivided support to Codex's work including through our roles as Host Country for the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils. As Codex is preparing to celebrate its 60th Anniversary in 2023, it is indeed very timely for the Global Strategy for Food Safety to be launched in tandem to this celebration. It showcase strong commitment of Member States in promoting global strategy in food safety through the work of Codex and the use of its standards towards ensuring food safety in greater ways.
5. In a nutshell, Malaysia reaffirms our commitment to continuously strengthen our national food control system and working together in the region and globally, for a better food safety tomorrow. We believe continuous coordination and collaboration between WHO, FAO and its regional offices, engagement with Member States

particularly with respect to their food safety strategies will definitely work towards achieving the SDG goal.

6. Finally, Malaysia supports the Executive Board to recommend to the 75th WHA, the adoption of the WHO Global Strategy for Food Safety 2022-2030 including the need for country implementation road maps and allocation of appropriate resources, as well as periodic progress report to WHA until 2030.

Thank you.