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National Statement delivered by the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Agenda item 18: United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition (2016-2025)

Thank you Madam Chair,

Ethiopia aligns with the statement made by Senegal on behalf of the 47 African member states. We thank the secretariat for the comprehensive report on UN Decade of Action on Nutrition.

Honoring the commitments and to facilitate the six-targets: Ethiopia is implementing the 10 years food and nutrition strategy across the country with sustained treasury budget allocation, multisectoral coordination, expansion of the Sequota Declaration to 240 districts. We are also working towards operationalization of mandatory food fortification guidelines and the food system transformation roadmap.

With the Green Legacy initiative, we have also included nutrient dense trees and have initiated the national discussion on climate change and its implications for the health sector. We appreciate WHO's work during COP27 and would encourage further advocacy and action as a preparation for COP28.

Furthermore, Ethiopia provides a proactive and strong leadership and coordination exemplified by the establishment of functional Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Multi- stakeholder platforms , and stands ready to host the 2023 SUN Global gathering if given the opportunity.

Chair, while noting the report and welcoming the recommendations, we wish to see greater emphasis for strengthening national and particularly sub-national networks, greater support to operationalize the initiated efforts at country level and targeted support for areas with health and humanitarian emergencies.

We would like to thank all entities in the United Nations system that have contributed to the Decade in the effort to advance the nutrition agenda and hereby urge all donors and partners for increased investment, support and collaboration to sustain the gains and address the remaining gaps in ending all forms of malnutrition by 2030.

In conclusion, we thank Columbia for the leadership and welcome the draft proposal on food fortification.

I thank you!

