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**UN Nutrition** is the UN inter-agency coordination mechanism, stemming from the merger of UNSCN and the UN Network for the SUN Movement.

UN Nutrition notes with appreciation the efforts being carried out by Member States for tackling the COVID-19 pandemic, while continuing to address other health priorities and ensuring one billion more people benefit from universal health coverage.

We commend WHO’s efforts to work closely and coherently with all UN agencies to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of operational activities at the country level. We would like to underscore the productive collaboration within the UN in nutrition, promoting linkages between nutrition and health services, climate change, biodiversity, social protection, women’s empowerment, and more. Working as “one UN” is the only possible way to support countries towards a brighter future, leaving no one behind.

Finally, UN Nutrition highlights the importance of collaboration for food systems transformation so that they deliver sustainable healthy diets for all. This is crucial for addressing concomitantly several of the priorities under discussion at this WHA74: COVID-19 responses; NCDs including diabetes and oral health; women, children and adolescent health; and others.

Ensuring sustainable healthy diets is a triple-duty action, which protects against undernutrition, overweight and obesity, while safeguarding One Health – human, animal and environment.
We are in the mid-point of the Nutrition Decade with 2021 being the Year of Action on Nutrition. The UN Food Systems Summit will take place in September and the Nutrition for Growth Summit will be held in December.

The window is open, and the opportunity is now for further mobilizing commitments and collaboration for nutrition and for transforming food systems so that people are at the heart and nutrition outcomes are the principal measure of success.

Thank you.