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Item 3: ID on SG report on climate change

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Thank you, Mr President,

Israel is deeply concerned about the increasing impact of climate change on food systems, crops and livelihoods.

As a country facing unique challenges, such as water scarcity, climate-related risks and arid landscape, Israel aims to enhance agricultural resilience, improve food security and promote sustainable practices by supporting alternative proteins and sustainable agriculture.

In this regard, the Kitchen FoodTech hub is an initiative dedicated to food tech and alternative proteins. It serves as an incubator for start-ups and entrepreneurs in the alternative protein sector, providing resources, mentorship and access to network and industry experts.

Mr President,

Israel's expertise in arid and desert agriculture has led to innovative farming methods that maximize resource efficiency, enabling year-round production of high-quality crops with minimal water consumption and pesticide use. The Israeli government supports these efforts through grants, research funding, and education to encourage farmers to adopt sustainable practices.

Mr President,

Israel remains committed to addressing the impact of climate change on food systems. It recognizes the need for ongoing efforts to adapt to changing climate conditions and ensure the sustainability of food systems.

Mr President,

The report recommends states consider food systems transformation as an integral part of climate mitigation. What measures can be taken to promote international collaboration and cooperation in this regard ?

I thank you.