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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to thank the Secretary-General for his reports on this agenda item. Malaysia wishes to align itself with the statements made by the distinguished representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, on behalf of G77 and China and the distinguished Permanent Representative of Lao People's Democratic Republic on behalf of ASEAN.

Mr. Chairman,

2. Malaysia aims to join other nations in achieving a high-income and high-productivity economy by the year 2020. Towards this end, the philosophy of inclusiveness for all in society is a core principle in achieving this vision. The emphasis on sustainable agriculture development and food security shall therefore remain an important agenda that Malaysia will pursue as a building-block for national inclusivity.

3. The initiatives in promoting agriculture productivity and food security as contained in the country's economic transformation plan creates the way forward for the Malaysian agriculture industries. The initiatives are also in line with the country's New Economic Model's main pillars which are; food security, wealth creation and inclusiveness. The measures to promote agriculture productivity and food security are supported by the National Agro-food Policy (2011-2020) which was formulated with the objective to ensure adequate supply of food for the nation. The policy also aims to transform the national agro food industry into a competitive and sustainable sector by increasing the level of income for the local farmers and food producers.

Mr. Chairman,

4. One of the main challenges faced by the local food production industry is the impact of climate change. Therefore, to ensure the country's sustainable agriculture and food supply, a number of key initiatives has been undertaken by the Government to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change on agricultural production. These measures includes:

- 4.1. Changing crop varieties to those that are resistant to drought with special characteristics such as having appropriate thermal time requirement to facilitate the change of temperature;
- 4.2. Altering fertilizer management particularly by changing timing of fertilizer application to maintain the yield and yield quality consistent with the prevailing climate; and
- 4.3. Improving pest, disease and weed management through effective integrated pest and disease management, development and use of varieties that are resistant to pests and diseases, as well as water and irrigation management.

Mr. Chairman,

5. Food security contributes to global economic growth and stability. It is therefore essential for international community to place food security as one of the main priorities in the international aid programme. Through this programme, developing countries would be able to attain the necessary substantial contribution to the enhancement of food security.

6. Noting that climate change affects agriculture more than other sectors, Malaysia hopes that developed countries will strengthen their commitments to reduce Green House Gas (GHG) emissions in order to tackle increasing global temperatures. Malaysia will continue to support the initiatives at the appropriate regional groups and through other international community, as well as at the United Nations to strengthen coordination efforts in ensuring long-term food security.

Mr. Chairman,

7. Malaysia believes that the international community through a collective voice would be able to influence global action in addressing food security issue as we move towards the Post-2015 Development Agenda. We further hope that the international community will continue to find more effective ways to increase the agricultural investment in order to boosts sustainable global agricultural productivity to meet the growing need of the global population.

I thank you Mr. Chairman.