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Dear Dr. Joachim von Braun,

On behalf of the UN Secretary-General António Guterres, I would like to extend sincere appreciation for your participation in the 2021 Food Systems Summit.

As a pinnacle moment capping off an 18-month process to date, the Summit garnered 37,000 registrations and was viewed by over 50,000 people from across 193 countries.

Your personal participation and remarks contributed greatly to the Summit's overall success, and we hope you found it a rich opportunity to feature your priorities, ambitions, and commitments. Your role as the Chair of the Scientific Group has played a critical role in highlighting the importance of Science, Research and Innovation in modelling and guiding the implementation of sustainable solutions for our global food systems. I look forward to our further engagement as we work towards delivering on the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

We trust that you had an opportunity to hear the Secretary-General's remarks, and we are pleased to share the link to the [Secretary-General's Chair Summary and Statement of Action](#) for the Summit, which captures the vision established through the Summit process for the role food systems can play in building a fairer, more sustainable world. The Summit welcomed statements from more than 150 Member States, as well as leaders from civil society, Indigenous Peoples, private sector, producers, youth, and women's organizations, and your contribution along with these will continue to be available for viewing in the Summit's [on-demand content](#).

As mentioned by the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General, this Summit moment was just the start of committing to the 2030 Agenda. The national pathways and commitments that emerged through the Summit give us strong foundations and momentum, and we expect these to continue to grow over time. We encourage you to keep close track of the [Commitments Registry](#) on the Summit website, where different stakeholders are still submitting their commitments to the 2030 Agenda.

It is now time to focus our collective attention on moving from ideas to action, particularly at the country level. We count on your support as we take bold actions to deliver on this shared agenda.

Once again, I thank you for being part of the Food Systems Summit, and look forward to together advancing food systems that can help deliver on all of our shared goals for people, planet, and prosperity.

Yours sincerely,



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Special Envoy of the Secretary-General  
for the 2021 Food Systems Summit