

- Thank you Chair, Excellencies, Colleagues
- Let me begin by thanking the G20 Presidency for placing global food security and sustainable agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture at the forefront of the global agenda.
- We regret that consensus could not be reached, despite the great efforts by the chair. Let me take the opportunity to welcome the chairs summary, which reflects the main aspects of the discussions.
- Norway remains firmly committed to finding common solutions through multilateral cooperation.
- The 2030 agenda is our common roadmap. There is an urgent need to address food insecurity, halt biodiversity loss, adapt to climate change and mitigate emissions.
- Implementation of the Paris Agreement, the Kunming- Montreal Global Biodiversity framework and other relevant frameworks is of essence to address these challenges.
- We also underline the need for a transparent, fair, open and rules-based multilateral trading system, with the WTO at its core. This is vital to foster well-functioning global markets and global food security.
- For Norway, increasing national food production and self-sufficiency, while maintaining active and viable agriculture throughout the country, remains a political priority.
- Family farming is the backbone of Norwegian Agriculture. Women play a central role on the farm, often as entrepreneurs. Their full and equal participation and ownership of resources is key.
- We fully support the emphasis of the Chair on women empowerment. Enabling young people to enter farming is equally important for the future of family farming.
- I would like to highlight the importance of securing participation of all stakeholders. Farmer organizations must be engaged in policy development.
- In Norway, an annual agreement between the government and the farmers' organizations is key to finding common solutions tailored to farmers' needs.
- Finally, chair, Norway expresses great concern over the consequences of violation of international law. We strongly defend international law, whether it be in Africa, in Palestine, or Russia`s illegal war in Ukraine.

Thank you.

