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Ministerial statements

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Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of the Republic of Slovenia

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Ladies and gentlemen,

According to the last SOFI Report, launched a few weeks ago, we are not on track to achieve many of the targets that we set ourselves in 2015 when we adopted the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda

The number of hungry people is increasing. In 2020, between 720 and 811 million people in the world faced hunger. Three billion people could not afford a healthy diet. Overweight and obesity continue to rise.

There are many different drivers of hunger and food insecurity. Some are linked to climate change, some to the COVID-19 pandemic, and some to the loss of biodiversity.

We especially welcome the

agriculture in less favoured areas, we ensure livelihoods and rural development and preserve the beautiful landscape and a rich tradition of local quality diets.

Among our many activities, we would like to highlight the promotion of sustainable healthy diets to consumers. Consumers' education and information including through food labelling, quality schemes, food safety, plant health and animal welfare are key if we want to achieve healthy and thriving individuals, and preserve our environment for future generations.

Many of our activities are targeted to children. While ensuring healthy meals in line with the national nutrition guidelines and promoting local, organic and seasonal food products, including through green public-35.elrncreal,lrncreeeug presdi (p)-4 srnswe(n)-4 (t)6areattpr

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