

Dear Chairman

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First of all I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Government of Uzbekistan for their warm welcome and hospitality.

I would like also to note that the plenary session led by the President of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov was held on the top level.

The fifth session on “Urgent issues in storage, packing and industrial processing of vegetables and grapes, organizing the logistics, transport and delivery of products to customers in fresh and processed forms” which I had opportunity to host passed in positive environment. All presentations were made very qualitatively and covered key factors of the topic.

During the session we had opportunity to discuss main challenges related to storage, packing and industrial processing, as well as organization of logistics, transport and delivery systems.

I believe that after the session five we all have agreed on importance of measures needed for reduction of food waste at all production stages. We have also identified the main priorities for the development of logistics and transportation systems.

In addition, we have seen that the work carried out by the government of Uzbekistan and measures for tackling challenges that we have mentioned during our discussions has a great potential. The agricultural production sector of Uzbekistan complies with international standards. Storage facilities, logistics and transportation infrastructure complies with modern requirements.

This session provided us with a very useful platform to exchange information, ideas, experiences and lessons learned in our own experience. It is my sincere belief that this cooperation will be further strengthened in the years to come.