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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

Harnessing Sustainable Agriculture to Combat Hunger and Achieve Sustainable Development Goals: The SOL Agronomie Ltd Approach

Introduction:
Honorable delegates, distinguished participants, and esteemed organizers of the United Nations 62nd Commission for Social Development (CSocD62), we, SOL Agronomie Ltd, an NGO dedicated to eradicating hunger in Nigeria, Africa, and throughout the world, humbly present our written statement to enrich the content of this significant event. Our objective is to collaborate, showcase our brands, and contribute to the success of CSocD62 while accelerating our partnership with the United Nations to foster social development, social justice, and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Understanding the Challenge:
Hunger remains a pressing challenge in today's world, with millions suffering from malnutrition and food insecurity. As an NGO committed to sustainable production and a constant supply of food, SOL Agronomie recognizes the urgency to address this issue holistically. We firmly believe that the path to eradication lies in retaining the natural state of farm produce, improving their nutritional value, enhancing farmlands, and recycling waste, all while preserving the environment. By embracing these principles, we can create access to reliable, healthy, and quality organic farm produce for consumers and facilitate knowledge and fund accessibility for small-scale farmers.

Supporting Sustainable Agriculture for Food Security:
SOL Agronomie champions sustainable agriculture as a key strategy to achieve food security and alleviate poverty. We emphasize the significance of sustainable farming practices that protect ecosystems, promote biodiversity, and enhance soil health. Through our community-based initiatives, we empower small-scale farmers with knowledge on sustainable farming techniques, such as agroecology and organic farming, enabling them to maximize yields, conserve natural resources, and improve their livelihoods. We believe that by investing in the capacities of farmers, we can ensure consistent food production, enhance food quality, and foster resilience in the face of climate change.

Preserving the Nutritional Integrity of Farm Produce:
In our pursuit to combat hunger, SOL Agronomie places utmost importance on retaining the nutritional value of farm produce. We work diligently to educate farmers on post-harvest handling techniques and storage practices that minimize nutrient loss. Through the adoption of eco-friendly preservation methods like solar drying and cold storage technologies, we ensure the provision of nutritious food throughout the year, reducing dependence on seasonal availability and intervening in nutritional deficiencies.

Enhancing Access to Healthy Organic Farm Produce:
Access to healthy, quality organic farm produce is pivotal in advancing public health and combating malnutrition. SOL Agronomie operates a network of direct-to-consumer sales, establishing partnerships between farmers and consumers. By leveraging technology and innovative distribution channels, we eliminate
intermediaries and provide consumers with fresh, affordable, and organic products. Furthermore, we actively engage with policymakers and relevant stakeholders to advocate for inclusive agricultural policies, creating a conducive environment for organic farming and enhancing market opportunities for small-scale farmers.

Addressing Waste Management and Environmental Preservation:

As we pursue food security, we cannot disregard the impact of waste generated along the agricultural value chain. SOL Agronomie prioritizes waste management as an integral part of our operations. We promote circular economy principles, encouraging the recycling and upcycling of agri-waste to minimize environmental degradation. By converting agri-waste into bioenergy, organic fertilizers, and animal feed, we create circular systems that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve natural resources, and contribute to environmental sustainability.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, SOL Agronomie stands committed to the overarching goal of poverty eradication and the achievement of sustainable development. We recognize the importance of strong partnerships and collaborations to address the complex challenges of hunger, poverty, and food insecurity. Through our sustainable agriculture practices, knowledge sharing, and accessible organic produce, we contribute directly to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. CSocD62 provides us with an exceptional platform to showcase our brands, share our expertise, and forge partnerships with the United Nations and stakeholders alike. Together, let us build a future free from hunger, where social development and social justice thrive, leaving no one behind.

Thank you for your attention.