Mathis Mogge, Secretary General Welthungerhilfe:

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for allowing me to contribute to this conference.

Welthungerhilfe started its engagement in Anticipatory Action in cooperation with the German Red Cross and the support of the German Federal Foreign Office already before the World Humanitarian Summit 2016.

We have used the lessons learned to develop an NGO-specific approach to Anticipatory Action in the face of imminent drought.

This engagement is now an integral part of the Humanitarian Paradigm Shift promoted and advocated by Welthungerhilfe, shifting our efforts away from purely reactive to anticipatory humanitarian assistance.

Against this background, Welthungerhilfe warmly welcomes today's High-Level Event.

We would like to emphasize the importance of NGOs and their national partners as a powerful and important pillar within the international and national humanitarian systems in Anticipatory Action.

The international dialogue platforms on Anticipatory Humanitarian Action of the past years have shown a growing number of interested and committed NGOs and Actors form the Civil Society.

There is an agile NGO actor community, both internationally and nationally that plays a crucial role to manage the urgently needed scaling in Anticipatory Action through a corresponding provision of financial funds.

We have recently initiated a Welthungerhilfe Anticipation Fund to promote a broad mainstreaming of anticipatory action as an integral part of the overall humanitarian work in our organization.

Thank you very much.

Mathias Mogge, CEO Welthungerhilfe

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