



سفارة الجمهورية التونسية بروما  
AMBASCIATA DI TUNISIA A ROMA

Mr. President of IFAD,  
Ladies and Gentlemen Governors,  
Distinguished guests,  
Dear colleagues,

It brings me great satisfaction to pay tribute to the partnership between Tunisia and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). This partnership, which has existed for more than four decades, has been crucial in promoting rural development and reducing poverty in Tunisia. My country has benefited from IFAD's support in its efforts to improve food security, increase the incomes of smallholder farmers, and strengthen the resilience of rural populations to climate change.

On the occasion of the 47th council of IFAD, I would like to express Tunisia's deep gratitude for the constant and valuable support of the Fund.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Tunisia is determined to achieve sustainable development goals, particularly in combating poverty and hunger. The partnership with IFAD will continue to play a crucial role in achieving these goals. I am confident that the partnership between Tunisia and IFAD will continue and strengthen in the years to come.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The topic chosen for this 47th session of IFAD's governing council, a current topic, appeals to all of us for its relevance because ensuring food security for a growing and ever-changing global population is a major challenge. To meet this challenge, it is essential to focus on innovation. It is therefore crucial to adopt new technologies and approaches to produce more food and ensure everyone has access to a healthy and nutritious diet.

Ladies and Gentlemen

The world is facing an unprecedented food crisis, worsened by conflicts and climate change. This crisis particularly affects vulnerable populations, especially those living in rural areas.

In this challenging context, we can only acknowledge the important role that IFAD, FAO, and WFP can play in meeting the food needs of the population in Gaza, where the food situation remains concerning. It is essential to continue supporting their work and mobilizing more resources to address the growing needs of the population.

It is important to provide them with the necessary resources to save lives and improve the living conditions of populations.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I take this opportunity to reiterate my country's call for an immediate ceasefire and to urge the international community to assume its responsibility in compelling the occupying authorities to respect legitimate international decisions, to achieve a peaceful, just, and comprehensive settlement based on agreed international resolutions, to end the occupation, and to end the suffering of the Palestinian people, enabling them to regain their legitimate rights and to realize their independent, sovereign, and territorially contiguous state, with El Qods Sharif as its capital.

Thank you for your attention.