Respected Chair, distinguished member countries’ representatives, representative from other international organizations, other invited participating countries’ representatives, Ladies, and gentlemen, good morning.

It is a great honor for Bangladesh for joining in this 24th session of the AMIS Global Food Market Information Group (IG). At the beginning of my speech, I would like to convey our sincere thanks and gratitude to AMIS as it giving us a chance to be one of the invited participating countries of this very important platform. Agriculture is always regarded as major driving force of Bangladesh’s economy. Though the contribution of Agriculture to national GDP is now stand at 11.2% but still 40% of our total labor force involved in this sector. Globally we are a major rice, vegetables producing country. Our land area is 147,000 sq kilometer. Out of this area we can only cultivate 60% of our land. Within this comparatively small cultivable area in 2022 we successfully produced 40 million MT of rice. Considering other crops, we always held a remarkable position globally. 10 years before our maze production is only 1 million MT but, now we have reached the 6 million MT Threshold.

However, we need to import large quantities of wheat, maize, and soybeans to meet our local demand. So, we consider participation in AMIS as an opportunity for our country to build a strong agricultural cooperation with G20 countries as well as other participating countries.

We know that AMIS is a comprehensive platform that collects, analyzes, and disseminates crucial agricultural data. We are expecting that this sophisticated platform will help us to transform our agri-food system by better data collection and better decision making. For taking appropriate policy decision we need authentic data. Since we remarkably depend on importing wheat, soybean, and Maize we need to verify availability of those products across the globe, prices of commodities and market trend. We expect AMIS will be an excellent source of these information, knowledge, and policy guidelines for us on which we can take better decisions. Bangladesh can also play a significant role by joining in the AMIS information hub. Bangladesh has a 170 million people market. As it is required, we can also share our demand and supply scenario especially rice, wheat, maize & soybean with AMIS.

From market prices and supply levels to weather patterns and transportation costs, AMIS gathers a wealth of information that is indispensable for making strategic choices in agriculture. Armed with timely and precise data, nations can craft policies regarding targeted interventions, subsidies, and support mechanisms that bolster agricultural productivity and ensure food security.

For strategic management of agribusiness proper supply chain management along with vertical and horizontal coordination is required. High-tech value chains of agriculture commodities can contribute to increasing farm income and employment opportunities, reducing transaction costs.
Bangladesh is very keen to utilize the prospect of this platform as well as to contribute to the global food market.

**Valued participants,**

Bangladesh’s position in the global production of various crops including rice, potatoes, maize, and vegetables has caught the attention of the world. Many of Bangladesh’s agricultural products meet the domestic demand and have the potential to be exported abroad. An efficient agricultural marketing information system is needed to continue this progress of agriculture and to develop the overall agriculture.

Bangladesh is transforming its subsistence agriculture to commercial agriculture. So far national production of food grains increased by four-fold since independence. However, supply-demand balance of agricultural commodities in Bangladesh is still highly volatile and unstable due to lack of market information and modernized market monitoring. AMIS monitors global markets to detect critical supply and demand situations. So, we believe inclusion in AMIS will be beneficial for our agriculture sector development.

In conclusion, I would like to say that be a part of AMIS is a boon to our commitment to the welfare of farmers, consumers, and the sustainability of our agricultural. Let us seize the potential of AMIS to transform drawbacks into opportunities and lay the foundations for a prosperous, secure & interconnected future agriculture.

Thank you.

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