



**National Statement delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Third Secretary, during the  
Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Right to Food  
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Mr. President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur (SR) for the report.

We appreciate SR's efforts to analyse the deep impact of different economic, social, and geopolitical factors that generate the conditions that lead to food insecurity and hence human rights violations.

We echo SR's calls that to create conditions in which the right to food can be fully realized, all forms of violence across all aspects of food systems must be eliminated.

Mr. President,

The COVID pandemic has eroded decades of development gains with nearly 200 million people pushed to extreme poverty and over 200 million jobs lost. The conflict in Ukraine has compounded financial, food and energy insecurity.

Despite a rebound in global FDI, industrial investments, especially in developing countries, remain weak along with insufficient SDG investment in food security.

The cascading impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on international trade and by extension to economies and societies has been significant.

Mr. President,

We reaffirm the importance of protecting and promoting fundamental rights of farmers without any discrimination and appreciate their significant role in promoting biodiversity, preserving ecosystem and ensuring food security.

Due to the onslaught of climate induced catastrophes and destruction of crops, the scale disaster, especially for farmers has been unprecedented. The agriculture, food, livestock, and fisheries sector has suffered a huge brunt of the disaster.

As an agricultural economy, Pakistan highly values farmers' relief and rehabilitation and is making all efforts to realize this goal.

I thank you!