



Statement, delivered on behalf of the OIC by Ambassador Tahir Hussain Andrabi, Deputy Permanent Representative, during the Interactive Dialogue with Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food at the 46th session of Human Rights Council

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Madam President,

I have the honor to make this statement on behalf of the OIC member states.

The OIC thanks the Special Rapporteur for his first report to the Council and wishes him a productive tenure.

The OIC has taken due note of the Special Rapporteur's identified priority areas for the duration of his mandate. We recommend weaving-in the issue of "obstacles faced by people under occupation in realizing the right to food" during his priority study on armed conflict and protracted crises.

We share Special Rapporteur's assessment on climate change and food security. This needs grater international cooperation based on the principle of common but differentiated responsibility.

We appreciate Special Rapporteur's analytical perspective on COVID 19 and the ensuing hunger crisis.

We agree with the Special Rapporteur that pandemic continues to exacerbate inequalities in the global system. COVID-19 has accentuated the existing challenges of extreme poverty, malnutrition, external debt and liquidity crisis. This has made our collective task of achieving SDGs more challenging and perhaps beyond reach.

The OIC therefore calls for immediate and legitimate measures especially increased development financing measures to build fiscal space and liquidity for developing countries to save lives and livelihoods and to achieve SDGs. We request the Special Rapporteur to share his views on the correlation of financial resources with achieving the goal of zero hunger especially in post-COVID scenario.

I thank you