



## **Interactive Dialogue with Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food** *(7 March 2024)*

### **Thank you, Madam Vice. President**

We thank the Special Rapporteur for his critical work on the importance of the Right to Food, particularly its significance in the wake of the ongoing violence in Gaza. We also commend his position on supporting food sovereignty of the Palestinian people.

Pakistan welcomes the thematic focus of the SR's report, with special focus on Climate Change and its impact of fisheries and the associated industries.

Being one of the most vulnerable countries to the impacts of Climate Change, we are painfully aware of how climate change can affect food systems and food security of a country.

We agree with the SR's recommendation that in line with the principle of Equity, developing countries should be supported in terms of investment in social protection systems, including through international finance.

### **Dear Special Rapporteur,**

We wish to bring your attention to an area of particular interest to our delegation, and that is the significance of Nutrition in the context of Right to Food.

Pakistan is among the countries significantly affected by malnutrition, with children and pregnant women being particularly vulnerable. The adverse effects of climate change and other phenomena have further exacerbated the situation, diminishing agricultural yields and reducing the nutritional quality of food.

We seek your advice on how to effectively advance the agenda of nutrition within the framework of the right to food and ask for your suggestions on strategies, policies, and interventions that can contribute to improving nutrition outcomes domestically and globally.

**Thank you.**

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