

National Statement, delivered by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, First Secretary, during the Interactive Dialogue with High Commissioner on Climate Change

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Mr. President

We thank the High Commissioner for his report and for this important thematic focus on impact of Climate Change on the Right to Food.

We agree that the principles of equity, climate justice, polluter pays and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities should guide our response measures.

Pakistan supports the measures identified by the High Commissioner in his report, particularly equitable climate mitigation measures, roles, and responsibilities of business enterprises, and mobilizing adequate financing to fulfil the right to food in context of Climate Change.

We also support your recommendation that international financial institutions should scale up international financing for climate action and food security, particularly to developing countries.

We have long advocated the integration of social protection within the framework of international monetary policies. Central to this advocacy is the protection of individuals' right to food against the disruptive effects of Climate Change.

We also welcome the focus on climate change's impact on access to nutritious food. Developing countries, in particular, suffer not only from food insecurity but also from malnutrition, which requires further attention from a human rights perspective.

Mr. High Commissioner,

We should not be remiss in overlooking the impact of ongoing conflicts on the climate. In this regard, we draw the attention of this Council to the international media reports highlighting data on the impact of the unabated bombing of Gaza on climate.

Thank you.