



**National Statement, delivered by Mr. Umair Khalid, Second Secretary, during the Interactive Dialogue with the SR on Extreme Poverty**  
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Mr. President,

We thank the SR for his report.

We appreciate how the SR has conceptually addressed the issue of poverty alleviation through the world of work.

In this regard, the SR's proposal of introduction of a job guarantee, with the State acting as an employer of last resort, for the full realization of the right to work, merits attention as it can help transform work from a policy objective into an enforceable legal right

For achieving this objective, the SR has rightly framed the right of work, as enshrined in the human rights law, through the lens of the International Labour Convention on Employment Policy (C 122) and SDG 8.

From a social welfare perspective, state's responsibility to promote employment, even if it is to be an employer of the last resort, depends on a state's capacity to do so.

We suggest that at the next stage of this analysis, the SR may like to examine how International Financial Institutions and contemporary issues in global trade enable or disable states to pursue such employment policies.

Under the current circumstances, we are afraid that the existing global financial architecture successfully achieves the opposite, i.e., promote stringent austerity measures that constrain the capacity of States to expand their size and employ further people.

Mr. Special Rapporteur,

We would appreciate your views on how to promote international cooperation for better protection of the right to work to alleviate extreme poverty, especially through availability of financial stimulus to countries and regions where poverty is on the rise.

I thank you!