



**Joint Statement, delivered by Ms. Tehreem Kanwal, Assistant Director, during the
Interactive Dialogue on the Report of the Secretary-General on the Adverse Impact of
Climate Change on the Full Realization of the Right To Food
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Mr. President,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of a group of States.

The right to food is a fundamental human right, recognized and protected under international law. It encompasses not only the availability and accessibility of food but also its quality and nutritional value.

Fostering international cooperation in scaling up nutrition helps in protecting the right to food as well as the right to health. Populations with access to nutritious food are healthy and can pursue development by overcoming cycles of poverty and hunger.

The Secretary General's report cautions the world that climate change poses serious threat to the realization of the right to food. Extreme weather events have increased pressure on agricultural production and undermined access to nutritious food.

In Africa alone, climate change has caused loss of \$ 30 billion in agriculture production between 2008 and 2018. Most recently, regions in Asia, Central and South American also suffered food insecurity due to climate induced events. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change predicts that climate change may put 80 million people at risk of hunger by middle of this century. The significance of production, accessibility, and affordability of nutritious food for avoiding larger crises of health and development cannot be overstated.

In this context, international cooperation and multisectoral collaboration in food security and nutrition is important.

We take note of Secretary General's recommendation that underlying causes of hunger and malnutrition should also be part of our conversations on climate change.

I thank you!