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Madam President,

On behalf of OIC, I thank the Special Rapporteur for her work during her tenure and for presentation of her report.

Islam's efforts for food security are predicated on its concept of human development. Islam calls for "respect for human dignity" and "justice" that guarantees equality, fairness and equity between citizens within a society and all societies in current and future generations. It also emphasizes the moral exhortations on production, distribution and preservation of food, normative legislations on feeding for sustainable development and institutionalization of Zakat and the voluntary sector. The Muslim community is also responsible for ensuring that all people within the community are fed.

Madam President,

In line with these principles, the OIC countries are undertaking dedicated efforts for eradication food insecurity, poverty, inequality, and the inequitable distribution of food and productive resources in their territories. We also reaffirm our commitment to ensure realization of right to food for all our citizens.

The OIC countries also emphasize the importance of cooperation and solidarity among the international community to prevent any negative affect on the trade related to food and basic goods, while emphasizing the need to comply with international instruments and resolutions in this regard¹.

We request the Special Rapporteur to elaborate how international cooperation and technical assistance can help in the realization of the right to food for all human beings in order to meet the "zero hunger" and malnutrition goals of Agenda 2030.

I thank you.

¹Resolution No. 63/46-POL