



**Statement of Ireland**

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**Interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Mr Michael FAKHRI**

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Thank you Chair,

Ireland aligns itself with the statement of the European Union and thanks the Special Rapporteur for his Report.

My name is Treasa Cadogan and I am delighted to be delivering this statement on behalf of Ireland as a UN Youth Delegate.

Ireland notes the Special Rapporteur's detailed analysis of the World Food Summit and his recommendations.

We recognise that shortcomings in the world's food system undermines human rights, exacerbates inequalities, threatens biodiversity and contributes to climate change.

We agree that hunger, malnutrition and famine are not caused by inadequate amounts of food.

We value intergenerational learning and knowledge for a just food transition and recognise the importance of assessing the outcomes through the human rights framework.

Young persons in Ireland have noted the challenges faced by low and middle-income countries due to the climate crisis; the importance of recognising the rights of all stakeholders; and that have the responsibility as the next generation of consumers and producers to ensure every person has the right to food.

Ireland played an active role in the creation of the Sustainable Development Goals and we strongly support the 2030 Agenda. We are acutely conscious that there are only nine years left to achieve SDG 2 and that more urgent action is required.

We look forward to further advancing the right to food at the Nutrition for Growth Summit in Japan this December.

*Special Rapporteur,*

*In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and following the outcomes of the Food Systems Summit, how can states best ensure the provision of quality, nutritious and affordable food?*

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