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**Delivered by Ambassador Vincenzo Grassi, Permanent Representative of Italy
to the United Nations in Geneva**

Mr. President,

Italy aligns itself with the statement of the European Union.

We thank the Special Rapporteur for his report and reiterate our concerns about the impact of climate change and conflicts on the right to food and food security, especially in developing countries. Increasing inequalities in food distribution particularly affect Indigenous peoples in coastal communities and poor and vulnerable people.

As recognized for the first time in 2021 in the *G20 Matera Declaration*, food security is a priority of the international agenda. Italy attaches great importance to the right of every person to quantitatively and qualitatively adequate and sufficient food.

Building on previous G7 Presidencies, and the outcomes of the *UN Food Systems Summit +2* held in Rome in July 2023, the current Italian G7 Presidency will continue to address the food-climate nexus and promote initiatives on food security, healthy diets and food systems transformation.

All States should implement measures to protect the marine environment and biodiversity as well as workers, in particular fishers, against adverse climate change's impact. In order to address the risks presented by overfishing in general, that harm small-scale fishers and their communities, States should invest in promoting sustainable diets and locally sourced food.

Also in collaboration with *FAO, IFAD* and *World Food Program*, Italy will continue actively contributing to the international efforts to reduce poverty and hunger in the world's most disadvantaged areas.

Thank you