



Statement of Ireland

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*Interactive Dialogue on the Secretary General's report on climate change:
The adverse impacts of climate change on the full realization of the right to food*

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Ireland aligns with the statement delivered by the EU and we welcome the Secretary General's report.

The impact of climate change on food and nutrition security represents an existential threat to the lives, livelihoods, health, and cultural identity of millions of people as well as the enjoyment of human rights.

To address these threats, a human rights-based approach, including meaningful and informed participation is crucial.

We recognise the value of local knowledge and practices, and of local voice and agency, which are integral to ensuring the right to food and to building climate resilience, particularly for countries and communities that are highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. To this end, decision-making processes on both the transformation of food systems and climate action must be inclusive, accessible and consultative, and informed by international human rights standards.

Ensuring food and nutrition security through a human rights lens requires actions in multiple spheres, including: improving the governance of food systems; inclusive and responsible investments in agriculture and rural areas, in health and education; empowering small producers; and strengthening social protection mechanisms for risk reduction.

Ireland is committed to promoting a human-rights based approach to tackling climate change, through our diplomacy and our climate finance, to address the adverse effects of climate change, including on the right to food.

Thank you.