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I would like to congratulate "Save the Children International" and "Save the Children - Barnaheill in Iceland" for this year's report "A Life Free from Hunger" which demonstrates the plight of hunger and malnutrition which millions of children are subjected to every day. The staggering figure of one billion people suffering from hunger and malnutrition in the world calls for an urgent action by the international community.

I therefore welcome the "Charter to End Extreme Hunger" initiative and would like to express my wholehearted support of the important humanitarian work done by "Save the Children International" and other organisations which initiated the Charter.

I endorse the main aims of the Charter and urge the international community to combine its resources, such as investments, in the fight against extreme hunger and poverty. I also would like to stress that national food security policies are of the utmost importance in this respect and should take into account issues effecting food security, such as global warming, desertification, volatile food prices, trade policies and the production of biofuel.

We all need to work together for enhanced food security and put in place swift actions to meet the emergency needs of people faced with famine, such as in the Horn of Africa.



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