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and human rights - Eradicating poverty beyond growth -**

Statement by M. Jean-François Kammer
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Mr President
Mr Special Rapporteur
Excellencies, dear Delegates,

The Order of Malta commends the Special Rapporteur's Report on Extreme Poverty and fully shares his conclusions.

It is indeed true that an economy driven mainly by the maximisation of profits cannot fulfill the rights of those in poverty.

The Pact for the future, due to be adopted at the Summit of the Future in September 2024 will give an opportunity to focus on the realisation on human rights and the fight against inequalities rather than on a sole increase of production and consumption.

The Special Rapporteur is very right to launch consultations on a possible road map as to how a post-growth approach to poverty eradication could be presented.

In this respect the Order of Malta would encourage the initiators to invite Faith Based Organisations to such a process. With their expertise on human rights, humanitarian aid, and their dedication to the basic needs of the poor, they can contribute effectively to the definition of a promising instrument.

Next to the necessary basic material needs that must be guaranteed to the poorest, FBO's will always insist on the essential spiritual dimension that every human being must also be able to enjoy.

A successful fight against poverty should always be both material and spiritual.