

Honorable Secretary-General, fellow chairpersons, distinguished delegates, and esteemed guests,

Rapid change is of the essence. As the year 2015 draws closer, the time frame for the achievement of the millennium development goals (MDGs) gets reduced by the second. Many trans-regional issues that continue to hinder the achievement of these goals remain untackled to this very day. While their impact may vary between member states, these issues affect us all. One of the major issues that fall under this category is food shortage induced by water scarcity in less economically developed countries (LEDCs).

Water scarcity can be either caused by physical water scarcity due to the unequal distribution of water or economic water scarcity due to poor accessibility. While the latter can be easily tackled through the appropriate infrastructure and careful water management and distribution, physical water scarcity remains as a complex root cause that proved to be difficult to tackle. Lack of water resources can be easily tracked to be one of the main causes of food shortages in LEDCs as agriculture requires huge amounts of water to grow food. In fact, globally, 70% of our used water goes directly to the agricultural industries. In sharp contrast, 84% of the population of the world lack access to proper and clean water supplies. Food shortages will only escalate as the UN statistics estimate

that the world population will increase to 9 billion individuals in less than the coming fifty years.

This prospect of food shortage can only be tackled by the collective actions of all member states. It falls upon us, as an international community, to solve and eradicate such predicaments. Therefore, the collaborative contribution from the members of the UN essential to help extinguish global threats at any cost and as quick as we can.

Thank you.

I yield the floor back to the ...