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### INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

**Joint oral statement delivered by: Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII (APG23)**

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Mr. President,

APG23 and the 12 co-signing NGOs welcome the report of the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity, Mr. Obiora Okafor, and the final revised text of the draft declaration on the right to international solidarity as well as the explanatory notes that the report has as annexes.

We thank Mr. Okafor for the very good work carried out during his two mandates as Independent Expert.

We appreciate very much the robust arguments that Mr. Okafor provides in his report towards the criticism that some Academics and States have on the proposed right to international solidarity.

We would like to emphasize that, in our interconnected world, by recognizing solidarity as a fundamental human right, nations can strengthen global cooperation, promote sustainable development, and foster a just and equitable world order. It is an opportunity for nations to transcend self-interest and prioritize the collective good, ensuring the well-being of present and future generations.

As we strive to build a more inclusive, sustainable and peaceful world, a right to international solidarity can help to overcome global challenges such as, inter alia, poverty, climate change and public health crises and forge a future characterized by justice, equality, and prosperity for all.

We would like to invite the co-sponsoring countries of the resolution on human rights and international solidarity to consider annexing this revised text of the draft declaration to the resolution. Thank You!