



STATEMENT

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**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON STRENGTHENING
THE PILLARS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: POVERTY
ERADICATION, FULL AND PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT
AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL, AND SOCIAL INCLUSION**

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- **Your Excellencies,**
- **Distinguished Delegates**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

We gather today with a solemn responsibility: to strengthen the pillars of social development by addressing the persistent challenges of unemployment and poverty that continue to impede meaningful and sustainable socio-economic progress across our world.

Our immediate task is to mobilize the necessary diplomatic and legal instruments to confront the devastation caused by poverty and unemployment, conditions that fuel inequality, marginalization, and injustice.

Despite global commitments and considerable efforts, millions particularly children, women, persons with disabilities, and those in vulnerable situations continue to face immense obstacles in accessing essential services, social protection, and opportunities for a dignified life. Inadequate and unpredictable financing continues to undermine our shared development aspirations.

Excellences,

For The Gambia, the pathway forward lies in integrated and comprehensive policy solutions that address the structural drivers of poverty and unemployment.

We emphasize a development model anchored in equality, social justice, and solidarity, one that delivers decent work, especially for youth and women, strengthens resilience, and fosters inclusive growth.

It is, therefore, imperative to conduct a thorough review of the international financial architecture and to adopt a fair, universal tax convention by consensus. We must renew our commitment to expanding open market access, improving production capacity, mitigating the impact of climate change, advancing environmental sustainability, and strengthening democratic institutions globally.

These priorities reflect the aspirations of the **Copenhagen and Doha Declarations**, which call for collective action and multilateral cooperation to eradicate poverty and advance human development.

Excellencies,

We cannot reconcile humanity's remarkable achievements with the continued suffering and exclusion of millions living in poverty and underdevelopment. Our progress as a global community will remain incomplete unless we address these injustices at their roots.

The Gambia firmly believes that our common future depends on systematic and sustained action, supported by political will, multilateral solidarity, and renewed commitment to achieve universal social and economic protection by 2030 and uphold the spirit of the Doha Declaration.

Let us keep the momentum, honor our promises, and work collectively to build a world where dignity, equity, and opportunity are a reality for all.

I thank you.