

Thank-you Mr. Chairman. We would like the commission to dwell on the following cross-cutting issues and respond to our concerns.

Food reserves are at their lowest in 35 years and prices are likely to stay high in the foreseeable future. Young people across the world will be the first and worst affected. We want the members of this commission to pledge food-security for young people and spell out the actions they have undertaken to achieve food-security for us.

An issue that is equally important is literacy. A pledge was made at the 2007 UNESCO Conference on the Literacy Challenges in Asia and the Pacific. We are in unison that education is instrumental in social mobility. We are all on the same page that concerted effort is required to ensure an educated society. Why then are the governments in East Asia and Pacific regions investing an insufficient 28% of their GDP in comparison to 29% of its school age population?

We would like the members of this commission to address our concern.

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