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Italy's contribution

***“Call for Inputs: Human Rights and Starvation, with an emphasis on
the Palestinian People's Food Sovereignty”***

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Further to your query, we are in a position to provide the following contributions.

Q.5.

Food security is of central importance to us. As part of the emergency response, Italy promptly intervened by sending basic humanitarian goods, particularly food and water, and by providing funding to international organizations and civil society organizations operating on the ground.

Specifically, as far as Sudan is concerned, in 2023 we have taken care of both emergency and resilience initiatives, in particular with the allocation of funds for about 6 million Euros to international and civil society organizations, for projects also focused on food security; a commitment that is set to continue in 2024.

As far as Gaza is concerned, Italy has contributed from the outset to the distribution of food and basic necessities to the Palestinian population and most recently allocated 30 million Euros for the *Food for Gaza* initiative, which aims to address the tragic food insecurity in the Strip, from both a short- and medium-term standpoint, with a focus on the future reconstruction phase.

In addition, during crises due to climate disasters, such as in the case of the May 2024 floods in Brazil or the September 2023 floods in Libya, Italy has readily arranged humanitarian flights to better assist the population in the affected areas.

Q.7.

Since the beginning of the crisis, Italy has been at the forefront of the humanitarian response for Gaza, through the evacuation of injured children; the allocation of as much as 55 million Euros in three aid packages since Oct. 7, 2023; and the delivery of humanitarian aid. Of particular relevance in this context is the "*Food for Gaza*" initiative launched in March by Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Mr. A. Tajani. This initiative has a focus on food security, to meet immediate needs while addressing the issue of reconstruction, with reference to the resumption of local food production and the food distribution and trade network. In fact, *Food for Gaza* is developed along four channels: delivery of goods (food but also feed); delivery of sanitary materials; logistical support to facilitate the distribution of the aid within the Strip; and funding for emergency initiatives of the international bodies involved (WFP, IFRC, FAO).

To conclude, we take this opportunity to reiterate our firm willingness to cooperate fully with UNSPMHs.