

In the general debate in this committee a few weeks ago, my colleague from Jamaica referred to a "convergence of rhetoric" and deplored the absence of what he perceived as the political will required to translate apparently agreed objectives into action. In no sector is the divergence between rhetoric and action more evident than in food and agriculture. It will be difficult to generate the political will required to increase the flow of resources from developed countries in the absence of political will in developing countries to accord a high priority to the food and agricultural sectors.

The time has come for rhetoric and action to converge. This requires a concentration of political will on the part of both developed and developing countries. Man now has the means to eradicate hunger. Let us build together a better world where each of its citizens enjoys the essential right to food, without which the enjoyment of other human rights is denied.