



**STATEMENT BY MRS. MUKTA D. TOMAR, COUNSELLOR, AFTER
ADOPTION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON "NEW INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN ORDER" ON November 23, 2004**

Mr. Chairman,

We would like to convey our appreciation to the delegation of Jordan for their efforts in the preparation of the draft resolution on the "New International Humanitarian Order" which we have just adopted without a vote. My delegation has gone along with the text contained in the document A/C.3/59/L.74, *as orally revised*. We would, however, like to take this opportunity to make clear our understanding of the text which has been adopted.

The text of the resolution is derived to a considerable extent from language agreed in other resolutions. While we have gone along with the text, we believe that the scope of the resolution has been considerably altered from its original purpose. Many of the paragraphs contained in the resolution, in our view, do not necessarily belong to this document.

PP8 which takes note of the report of the Secretary General does not represent any endorsement of the ideas and recommendations contained in the report.

The reference in OP1 to an agenda for humanitarian action applies, in our understanding, to an agenda based on, and deriving from, the guiding principles for humanitarian assistance, clearly outlined in section 1 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 46/182. These guiding principles are valid, time-tested and their continued application would contribute towards success in relieving pain and suffering. The reference to "new realities and challenges" in this paragraph is, to our delegation, to the increasing number of people affected by humanitarian emergencies, particularly those caused by natural disasters. The central challenge that needs to be addressed by the international community is one of continued international cooperation in supporting the efforts of affected states, including with adequate financing, in dealing with natural disasters and complex emergencies in all their phases, particularly focusing on the phase from relief to development. It is also important to ensure that funding provided for humanitarian assistance is not to the detriment of resources made available for international cooperation for development. We also believe that the international community should not forget the needs of the 'forgotten emergencies'.

With regard to OP5 which requests the UN Secretary-General to continue to promote adherence to refugee law, international humanitarian law, human rights law and internationally accepted norms and principles in situations of humanitarian emergencies, it is our understanding that the paragraph refers to the obligations of

States as applicable to them and that the reference to norms and principles is to the principles set out in resolution 46/182.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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