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UNIC Accra backs calls for support to end hunger & poverty as the world marks the International Day for Poverty Eradication

Accra, 17 October 2017 – UNIC Accra backs global calls for action to end hunger and poverty in commemoration of International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, which falls on today October 17.

The theme for the 2017 observation is “Answering the Call of October 17 to end poverty: A path towards peaceful and inclusive societies”. The theme reminds us of the importance of the values of dignity, solidarity and voice underscored in the Call to Action to fight to end poverty everywhere.

The Day, also known as the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty, is a special day on the calendar of the United Nations because it highlights issues of hunger, malnutrition, poverty, which are recognised as a major blow, affecting the lives of millions of people around the globe today.

The Day therefore seeks to get people mobilized, to galvanize support and call for action to end poverty and discrimination in order to build a sustainable future.

This year’s celebration marks the 25th anniversary of the declaration by the General Assembly, in its resolution 47/196 of 22 December 1992, of 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. It also marks the 30th anniversary of the Call to Action by Father Joseph Wresinski — which inspired the observance of October 17 as the World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty.

UNIC Accra joins the world to remind us of our responsibilities to end poverty and commends local media professionals whose works today focus on poverty eradication. As stated by the UN Secretary-General H.E. Mr. António Guterres in his video message to mark the Day, “let us join hands to #stoppoverty all together in dignity.”

For updates and further information, please visit the General Assembly website (<http://www.un.org/en/ga/>)

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