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**Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty
Reference to Report on Global Fund for Social Protection.**

The Sikh Human Rights Group applauds the Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights on a very persuasive and exhaustive report for its arguments, visions and ideas.

We agree with reference in para 13 that “low cost, low -human development” model of growth has to be set aside.

We suggest that in the Social Protection Fund there also be provision to augment the earnings of people employed in low pay or low earning sectors such as small farms, crafts and semi-skilled occupations.

We agree with para 51 promoting self-sustaining approach to social protection and further suggest more emphasis be placed on a social fund to require environmental friendly policies by countries.

We totally support an independent accountability unit as set out in para 54 and hope that this model will be applied in other sectors of UN to audit progress and compliance with its aims.

We also agree with para 59c with worker participation in decision making but suggest it also include civil society organisations.

We note in conclusions and in the report the SR has made reference to an approach without fear of sudden shocks in financial burdens and affordability. We would like to suggest that as we live in an unpredictable world order, any comprehensive plan should also have in built strategies for wars, disruptions and civil conflicts.