UN expert urges leaders at G-20 summit to put right to food before

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 31 (APP): A U.N. expert urged world leaders to put the right to food before other human rights. "The G-20 made an important statement of intent," De Schutter, UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food, said in a statement.

De Schutter called for governments to put an end to biofuel mandates. "Leaders are yet to prove that they heard the joint recommendations of industries," he said.

De Schutter also called for leaders to put financial regulations in place. "Food commodity markets must not be a refuge when other financial markets are in distress," he said.

In addition, De Schutter said food reserves can be used to stabilize prices. "We must be more ambitious, and use food stocks as a tool for stabilizing prices," he said.

The expert warned that unless bolder actions are taken, the world will continue to face food crises. "Time is running out for world leaders, who must go beyond rhetoric," he said.

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