

## **Oral Statement**

Human Rights Council 54<sup>th</sup> Session Agenda Item 3: General debate on the promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development 20 September 2023 Delivered by Grace Waithera Njenga

Thank you Mr. President,

The World Evangelical Alliance is gravely concerned at the insufficient government funding for humanitarian efforts necessary to achieve Sustainable Development Goal number 2, to end hunger and to achieve food security.

Multiple crises, including armed conflict and climate-change-related disasters, have undermined the right to food.

Geopolitical competition and the shrinking space for multilateral cooperation should not shift our attention away from 345 million people facing acute food insecurity.

Humanitarian non-profit organizations and United Nations agencies should not have to choose between feeding the hungry and feeding the starving.

The World Evangelical Alliance appeals to all nations, especially the wealthier countries on all continents, to significantly increase their giving to humanitarian organizations and causes.

Over the past decades, the International Community resolved multiple times to end poverty and hunger everywhere. Please put your words into action. Increase your funding to keep the hope of Zero Hunger by 2030 alive.

Thank you.