

**STATEMENT BY HER EXCELLENCY DR. SAMIA SULUHU  
HASSAN, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF  
TANZANIA, AT THE G20 LEADERS SUMMIT DURING THE  
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*Excellencies Heads of State and Government,*

*Excellencies Heads of International Institutions,*

*Distinguished Delegates,*

My gratitude to President Lula da Silva for the invitation and for the exceptional hospitality.

Today, we find ourselves in both a world of plenty and yet one where Africa still faces unsustainable levels of poverty, starvation, disease, malnutrition and underproductivity. A world wherein most youthful populations face challenges compounded by crises and global policies that increase food insecurity, stifle competitiveness and limit access to markets and much-needed technology. A world where many still await globalization's promise of prosperity to be met, while remaining optimistic that global governance reforms will lead to both fairer representation and access to the resources needed to eradicate poverty.

However, with this world *left as it is*, the question we will ask in 2030 won't be 'how far did we fall short of reaching the SDGs', but rather '*how many more people has the world left behind*'.

### **Excellencies,**

We believe a fairer, just and sustainable world will come about when developing countries like mine garner the support, resources, and representation necessary to drive sustainable development. Constrained as it is, Tanzania has managed to undertake major policy and institutional reforms coupled with targeted investments to transform our agri-food systems. With 61.5% of our workforce in agriculture, our efforts raised the sectors growth rate to 4.2%, brought food self-sufficiency levels to a high of 128%, and reduced poverty levels to 26.4% in 2023.

Despite these strides, challenges persist, including limited mechanization, fertilization, and R&D. We believe that with targeted support, we can better harness innovation, build resilience, and enable more meaningful and inclusive growth.

My specific asks to this G20 are for reallocation of SDRs to African Financial Institutions such as the AfDB. In addition to the need for a fairer quota system in the existing international financial architecture, Tanzania calls for more debt relief

mechanisms, grants and concessional loans that address our needs and vulnerabilities.

We also support bolstered partnerships such as the G20's *Global Alliance Against Hunger and Poverty* to foster innovation and inclusive growth.

**Excellencies,** our gathering speaks to our collective commitment to not leave the world as it is. We must redouble our efforts, and reignite our commitments to build a fairer, prosperous and just world.

I thank you.