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Item 3: General Debate:

Joint Oral statement delivered by: Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII (APG23)

“On the report of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on right to development”

Madam President,

APG23 and the co-signing NGOs take note of the report of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the right to development on its twenty-first session.

With regard to the discussion on the draft convention on the right to development, we regret that some Member States, those that traditionally oppose the idea of having a legally binding instrument, chose not to participate.

We reiterate the importance of striving to reach the widest and most inclusive agreement in terms of content and participation in the draft convention. This would require everyone to demonstrate flexibility, cooperation and goodwill.

We appreciated the interactive dialogue with the Chair of the Expert Mechanism and the Special Rapporteur on the right to development.

Likewise, we particularly welcome the recommendation d) of the report, which asks the High Commissioner “to include in her next annual report an analysis of the realization of the right to development, taking into account existing challenges and obstacles to its realization and to make recommendations on how to overcome them and concrete proposals for supporting the Working Group in fulfilling its mandate”.

With the COVID-19 pandemic exposing deep inequalities and structural injustices, international solidarity, strong leadership and renewed multilateralism are urgent and imperative. Finalizing the Convention on the right to development would be a remarkable step towards “Building Back Better”.

Thank You!