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Item 3: Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the right to development

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

Madam President,

APG23 and the co-signing NGOs welcome the report¹ of the Special Rapporteur on the right to development.

On August 9, 2021, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its sixth Assessment Report where the Experts gave a red code on the threat posed by climate change. They clearly suggest that, in order to stabilise the world's climate, we will require strong, rapid and sustained actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reach net zero CO₂ emissions². There is no time to lose at all!

We firmly believe that the right to development offers the right lens through which the international community should address the climate threat given its fundamental key principles. In fact, the right to development brings a holistic vision of the human needs and development, a vision that should be applied in creating new economic models and ways of production and consumptions that are inclusive of and protecting the most vulnerable people.

Programs, policies and actions should be inspired and shaped by mainstreaming human rights at all levels, with a particular focus on reducing inequalities and on the protection of the most vulnerable and marginalized persons and groups. The participation of people to whom such policies are addressed, should also be guaranteed.

Mr. Alfarargi, referring to the Guidelines on right to development³, rightly made explicit recommendations towards Member States. We would like to ask: which recommendations does the Special Rapporteur make to Non-State Actors, including the Civil Society?

Thank You!

¹ A/HRC/48/56

² IPCC AR6, 9 August 2021

³ A/HRC/42/38 no. 140