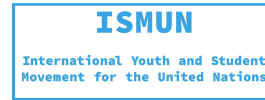




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Joint Oral statement delivered by: Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII (APG23)

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

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Mr. President,

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

We would just like to express our regret for the fact that some Member States, specifically those who are traditionally against the idea of redacting a legally binding instrument, chose not to participate in the discussion on the draft convention on the right to development.

We reiterate the relevance of a Convention on the right to development and the necessity to reach the widest and most inclusive agreement, both in terms of contents and participation in the discussion to finalize such a relevant instrument.

We thank the drafting committee, for having presented the revised draft text for its discussion during the 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the OEIWG.

The draft heavily draws on the norms stipulated under the Declaration on the right to development and maintains the basic principles and conceptual underpinnings of the right to development envisaged therein. However, the text also introduces new principles and additions such as the notion of sustainable development, detailed norms on states and international organisations obligations as on the duty to cooperate and the establishing of a monitoring body.

We look forward to the refinement of the draft convention and advocate for the text to be progressive enough to the extent expected from a framework drafted in the contemporary context. In this regard, we recommend that the Convention may envisage that the environmental goals will not only inform the process of development but will also be used to assess the outcome of development in the decades to come. Thank You!