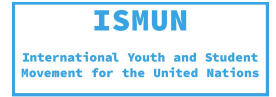




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Mr. President,

APG23 and the co-signing NGOs welcome the Annual report of the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development.

The Report strongly highlights how the right to development and the duty to cooperate are already enshrined in many of the documents that have defined the history of human rights. Therefore, the next steps should bear the courage to discuss its actual operationalisation and implementation, rather than questioning its relevance.

For these reasons, APG23 reiterates the necessity to adopt a legally binding instrument, with specific and clear obligations to be respected by the States. The adoption of the convention would be a meaningful achievement for the operationalisation and implementation of the right. We welcome the draft Commentaries on the Declaration on the Right to Development as a relevant further step in this direction.

Furthermore, creating a framework of cooperation and shared responsibility for the right to development would positively and directly affect the protection of all human rights, especially economic, social, and cultural rights, and, in particular, the right to health and the implementation of the duty to cooperate.

An active framework is needed now to foster international cooperation from all States and answer to all the crises and uncertainty around the globe. International cooperation should include and needs civil society, which can play a crucial role, being an actor of change that works to implement the right to development directly on the ground.

Finally, after years of negotiation, the right to development needs a transparent and strong recognition, a change in patterns, and a clear step towards a complete and effective implementation. Thank you.