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Re: The importance of a legally binding instrument on the right to development

The Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein has the honour to refer to your letter with the reference OHCHR/HRCTMD/AC22/NVRTD from 28 February 2019 and 17 May 2019 encouraging Member States and other stakeholders to submit their input on the importance of a legally binding instrument on the right to development.

The Principality of Liechtenstein acknowledges the Declaration on the Right to Development as a valid normative framework, setting out the right to development as a fundamental human right with the individual at its centre. To date, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is the fullest expression of the right to development and the Sustainable Development Goals provide a universal implementation program which is rights-based and people-centred.

The Sustainable Development Goals are universally accepted and constitute a call for action for all countries – developed and developing – to cooperate in a global partnership. Therefore, all the efforts should be focused on implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as the best vehicle to promote a practical implementation of the right to development.

At this stage, a legally binding instrument of the right to development would be counter-productive, as it does not enjoy universal support. The Principality of Liechtenstein is concerned that working towards such an instrument would undermine the efforts of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Universal political support for the development agenda must be preserved as a priority.

The Permanent Mission of the Principality of Liechtenstein avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.