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**the Right to Development**

The right to development has been a subject that concerns everyone for past years, including through resolutions in the General Assembly of the UN, Within the international human rights discourse, the right to development often proves to be a long contentious topic, appearing as a dividing line between developed and developing countries. Most countries are a bit careful of the form of a human right to development as part of the structural approach to human rights. In their point of view, this right can be put to good use, to formulate their obligations to provide development assistance to countries that alone cannot realize the right of their populations to development. They also fear that far-reaching changes to the international economic system will be imposed on the basis of the right to development, including fairer terms for global trade, and compulsory technology transfer. BAMRO believes that the right to development therefore aptly connects individual and collective human rights. Moreover, the added value of formulating and recognizing the right to development lies not so much in its new features or its individual parts as in the sum of its parts and its integrative value, which can be useful in promoting and achieving development as a comprehensive and inclusive process.