



**Joint Statement by the United Nations Development Group Human Rights Working Group  
on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of  
the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development**

As the international community commemorates the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development, we renew our commitment to the purposes of the United Nations, in particular to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all - women, men, girls and boys - without discrimination.

The Declaration on the Right to Development lays out the normative underpinnings for development. It stipulates that all human rights are universal, indivisible and inter-related and the human person is the central subject of development and should both be an active participant in and beneficiary of development.

Since its adoption 30 years ago, the Declaration has inspired a broad range of legal and policy agreements on international cooperation for development. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted last year, is an historic milestone and a powerful vehicle for the realization of the right to development.

Operationalizing the Agenda's commitment to 'leave no one behind' demands a coherent and integrated United Nations system-wide approach that is underpinned by the principles inherent in the Declaration.

As the Member States committed themselves to implement the Agenda in a manner consistent with international law, the United Nations development system is therefore committed to ensuring that our policies and programmes relating to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda are anchored in and aligned with all human rights, including the right to development.

On the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development, we reaffirm our commitment to making the right to development a reality for all and to supporting Member States in realizing the Sustainable Development Goals.

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