**24th SESSION OF THE IGWG ON RtD**

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Statement of Brazil

 Mr. Chair-Rapporteur,

 First of all, Brazil congratulates you on your re-election as Chair-Rapporteur.

 Brazil expresses its appreciation for the activities of the Working Group with a purpose of promoting the right to development and monitoring its implementation.

 Our gathering here today reinforces our commitment to the Declaration on the Right to Development, as well as other related international instruments on this matter. We have powerful guiding documents in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, the Rio+20 Declaration and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

 Regarding the discussions for an international instrument on the right to development, we believe it should be inclusive and, for its effectiveness, the majority of the international community should be on board. We must do our utmost to achieve the widest and most inclusive agreement in terms its content and participation. This challenging goal will require flexibility, cooperation and good will from all parts involved. We understand that reaching a certain level of consensus takes time. Also we believe that an international instrument on the right to development should be carefully drafted ensuring that it did not undermine national or international law or duplicate existing human rights treaties.

For Brazil, the Working Group should be kept as the main locus for inter-state discussion on the subject. As the consolidated forum for debate on development, it remains central to the future of our work on this crucial issue.

 As a developing nation, Brazil values the discussions in the present Working Group and is committed to following the path to development, along with other nations. We shall seek common ground on the legal aspects of the right to development and work together on its implementation.

 Thank you.

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