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**Statement of the Arab Republic of Egypt**

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I would like at the outset to thank the Deputy Secretary General for her opening remarks and congratulate H.E. Amb. Zamir Akram for being re-elected as the Chair-Rapporteur and commend his sincere efforts to promote the implementation of the Right to development.

Egypt would like to highlight the timely Human Rights Council Resolution 51/7 on the RTD which stresses the importance of the realization of the mandate of the Working Group, and recognizes the need for renewed efforts with a view to overcoming the existing political impasse within the Working Group so that it may fulfil, in a timely manner, its mandate and requests the Chair-Rapporteur to submit a second revised draft convention to the Working Group at its twenty-fourth session for intergovernmental negotiation and, following that process, to submit the final draft text of the convention on the right to development to the Human Rights Council;

We have full confidence that the Working Group on the Right to Development, will guide us to finally have a legally binding instrument that would contribute to making the right to development a reality for all.

Mr. Chair

The right to development is deeply rooted in the charter of the United Nations, Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the two covenants.

Furthermore, the Vienna declaration and program of action affirmed the right to development as a universal inalienable right and an integral part of fundamental human rights. And since the adoption of the 1986 declaration, the RTD has been reaffirmed unanimously by all states in numerous key declarations, resolutions and agendas, and “development” has been recognized as a human right.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the right to development didn’t get the attention it deserves.

The consecutive global disruptions we are currently facing, has led to a massive reversal of the right to development and increasing gaps, imbalances and inequalities in the international order, which highlight the urgent need for a global coordinated effort to address the interrelated challenges, through a comprehensive strategy providing global solutions to address the root causes of these challenges including food insecurity, climate change and debt and energy crises.

In this context, I would like to reiterate that the successful implementation of sustainable development goals requires the strengthening of a more equitable international order, and the promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The elimination of the massive and flagrant violations of the human rights of the peoples and individuals affected by situations such as those resulting from colonialism, neo-colonialism, apartheid, all forms of racism and racial discrimination, foreign domination and occupation, aggression and threats against national sovereignty, national unity and territorial integrity and threats of war would contribute to the establishment of circumstances propitious to the development of a great part of mankind.

For this reason, we call all members to contribute actively and constructively in the discussions within the Working Group meetings in order to come up with a widely recognized convention that will be an important step in the right direction to address the systemic and structural causes of poverty, to achieve Sustainable Development Goals and to strengthen the basis for inclusive growth by revitalizing the global partnership for development

Thank you.