**Intervention of the Tunisian delegation at the opening of the 24th session of the Intergovernmental Working Group**

**International Convention on the Right to Development - 15 May 2023**

**Thank you, Mr. President,**

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you on your re-election as Chairperson-Rapporteur of this session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development, to commend your efforts and wise leadership of the work of this Group over the past three years, and to thank you for submitting the second amended version of the draft international convention on the right to development.

We also thank the Office of the High Commissioner for its continued support for the work of the Group. Thanks go to the valuable efforts of the Special Rapporteur and the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development for their valuable efforts in support of this right.

My delegation reiterates its support for the mandate of the Working Group and for giving the right to development the importance it deserves in the international human rights system, as a comprehensive right that summarizes all human rights in their various and interrelated dimensions, which must be recognized by all parties, work to implement it and develop mechanisms to ensure its realization on the ground with a view to changing the reality of human beings and achieving human well-being wherever it is without exclusion or discrimination.

In this regard,we reiterate our support for the elaboration of a binding international legal instrument on the right to development, like other human rights, in implementation ofthe internationally agreed commitments made in the framework of the 1986 Declaration and in order to respond to the complex challenges facing our world today at the economic, social, environmental and health levels.

This year's commemoration by the international community of the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is an opportune occasion to renew the collective and common commitment to the effective realization of the right to development and to remove it from the box of controversy.

In this regard, we stress the importance of joint action to strengthen international cooperation and solidarity, to establish fair and equitable international economic relations, to implement by developed countries their commitments in the field of development assistance, and to alleviate the burden of external indebtedness on developing and least developed countries.

We also stress the need for cooperation and support by all parties for the right of countries that have been plundered to recover their resources, to be used in programs for the development and well-being of their peoples, in consolidating the principles of democracy and the rule of law, combating corruption, and laying the foundations of good governance.

**Thank you, Mr. President.**