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**Oral statement delivered by Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII (APG23) on behalf of the Working Group of Catholic Inspired NGOs on the Right to Development[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Item 4.4 – The way forward**

Mr Chair-Rapporteur,

On behalf of APG23 and the working group on the right to development of the Catholic Inspired NGOs Forum in Geneva (CINGO), I would like to thank you for your outstanding stewardship as a Chair of the Working Group. We also thank the drafting committee for its excellent work and wish all the best for the task of finally refining the draft text after the discussion and all the contributions we had in this 24th session.

As you, Mr Chair, reminded us earlier, the last resolution of the Human Rights Council on the right to development says very clearly that the draft convention should move for further discussion and finalization to the General Assembly. We think that this decision is opportune since it will not be useful to continue discussing the text in the Working Group and seek a consensus that is out of reach.

We do hope that in New York the process to refine the convention will be rapid and lead soon to its adoption. It would be very regrettable if a choice is made to start this process all over again. The majority of the people in the world are suffering from hunger, lack of water and sanitation, access to health services and are living in extreme poverty and it is crucial to have an instrument that will help their right to development to be implemented.

Thank You!

1. The NGOs belonging to the Working Group on the Right to Development of the Forum of Catholic-Inspired NGOs (CINGO) are as follows: Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII (APG23), Association Points-Cœur, AVSI, Caritas Internationalis (International Confederation of Catholic Charities), Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Dominicans for Justice and Peace (Order of Preachers), International Institute of Mary Our Help of the Salesians Sisters of Don Bosco (IIMA), International Organization for the Right to Education and Freedom of Education (OIDEL), OIEC, MIAMSI, New Humanity, Teresian Association, and VIDES International (International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education, Development) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)