**Statement by the Arab Group during the twenty-fourth session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development 19 May 2023**

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I have the honourto deliver this statementon behalf of the Group of Arab States. The Group congratulates Mr. Addameer Akram on his re-election as Chair-Rapporteur of the Intergovernmental Group on the Right to Development, commends his sincere efforts in facilitating the work of the Working Group.

In this context, the Arab Group expresses its support for Human Rights Council resolution 51/7 on the right to development, which stresses the importance of implementing the mandate of the Working Group and recognizes the importance of enabling the Working Group as soon as possible to complete its mandate set by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1998/72, and the Human Rights Council in its resolutions 4/4 and 39/9,which also stresses the importance of constructive participation in the The Chairperson-Rapporteur requests that a revised draft convention be submitted to the Working Group at its twenty-fourth session for intergovernmental negotiation, after which the final draft text of the Convention on the Right to Development be submitted to the Human Rights Council.

Mr. President

 In this context, the Arab Group would like to highlight that the concept of the right to development has evolved over the years on the basis of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenants on Human Rights, as well as the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, which included the description of the right to development asa universal and inalienable right and part of the Integral to fundamental human rights. Since the adoption of the Declaration on the Right to Development in 1986, all States have reaffirmed the right to development and "development" has been recognized as a human right.

Despite the foregoing, the right to development has not received the momentum it deserves over the past years.

The successive global upheavals facing the world have led to a widespread reversal of the right to development and increased gaps and inequalities in the international system, highlighting the urgent need for a concerted global effort to address interrelated challenges through a comprehensive strategy that provides global solutions to address the root causes of these challenges, including food insecurity, climate change, and the debt and energy crises.

For this reason, we call on all members to contribute actively and constructively to the discussions in the Working Group in order to reach a widely recognized convention that would be an important step in the right direction, and to strengthen the basis for inclusive growth by revitalizing the global partnership for development.

Thank you, Mr. President.