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Dear Sir/ Madam;

Thank you for sharing the draft report of the 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the WGRTD. In this respect, we would like to mention that contrary to what has been stated in paragraph 46, Egypt didn't support changes to article 16.2, accordingly we wish to delete the following phrase: "Egypt supported comments by Russia on article 16.2."

And with regard to the revised draft convention on the right to development, please find below Egypt's comments thereof:

1- In article 3: to replace "Human rights-based development" by "development based on the applicable human rights law".

2- In article 3 (b): to replace "Universal principles common to all human rights" by "Principles common to universal human rights".

3- In article 8, paragraph 1: to replace all the categories stated in this paragraph by the forms of discrimination mentioned in the two covenants (ICESCR- ICCPR).

4- In article 13, paragraph 4 (e): to replace the word "gender" by "sex".

In article 15 paragraph 1: Egypt requests that all the categories stated in this paragraph be replaced by the forms of discrimination mentioned in the two covenants ICESCR- ICCPR, as follows: "~~States Parties recognize that certain human persons, groups and peoples, owing to their marginalization or vulnerability because of race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, nationality, statelessness, national, ethnic or social origin, property, disability, birth, age or other status, including as human rights defenders, individuals affected by discrimination based on race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status,~~ may need specific and remedial measures to accelerate or achieve de facto equality in their enjoyment of the right to development.

5- In article 16 Paragraph 1: to replace "to ensure full equality for all women and men" by "to ensure equality between men and women".

6- In article 16 paragraph 2 (a) and paragraph 2 (c): to delete the word "all" before women and girls.

7- In article 23 (a): to replace "climate change law" by referring to "UNFCCC and Paris Agreement".

8- We are of the view that paragraphs 25, 26 and 27 still need further study, in this regard we preserve our right to comment on it at a later stage. And for the time being, we convey our reservation on the following articles:

- Article 25, paragraph 6 that the conference of state parties be held annually as part of the sessions of the Working group on the Right to Development.

- Article 30, paragraph 4 which confers the right to vote to international organizations.

We will highly appreciate it if you considered including these proposals in the next version of the draft convention and in the draft report.

Best regards;

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