**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 4.3 – Consideration of the draft convention on the right to development**

Mr Chairman, Excellences, distinguished Delegates,

I am speaking on behalf of APG23 and the working group on the right to development of the Catholic Inspired NGOs Forum in Geneva (CINGO).

We welcome this third round on the consideration of the draft convention and congratulate the drafting committee for the efforts put in the revision of the first draft that has resulted to an improved revised text.

We thank for the document containing commentaries on the revised text that clearly explains the choices made by the drafting committee on incorporating the different suggestions.

**Item 4.3.1 – Overview of the comments and textual suggestions on the draft convention**

We are glad that several Member States, UN agencies and Bodies and quite a number of Civil Society Organizations sent their contributions to the second call for comments and textual suggestions that took place after the 22nd session of the Working Group. In particular, we have been pleased that even the CRC Committee, the Committee on the Rights of Person with Disabilities, UNODC and UNICEF contributed with their comments.

We are ready to engage in the discussion of this revised text bringing our contributions for its refinement and will intervene according to the parts of the draft taken into consideration.

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), MIAMSI, New Humanity, Teresian Association, and VIDES International (International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education, Development) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)