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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Point 3: Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

Oral Declaration

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Review of the reports of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development (A/HRC/57/38, 25th of June 2024)

Mister President,
CETIM reiterates its support to the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development.

Indeed, this right concerns Southern and Northern countries where the situation is troublesome. We are witnessing the dislocation of social cohesion, the increase of unemployment, racism, insecurity and precariousness, militarization, etc.

Northern countries often pit the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) against the Right to Development. And yet, even the UN General Secretary recognize that the SDGs are doomed to failure. As a reminder, SDGs do not challenge neoliberal policies at the origin of maldevelopment and inequalities. Moreover, their realization are mainly entrusted to transnational corporations.

Nowadays, the vital needs of almost half of the world population are not covered. Public services are devastated, social insurances given to private companies, the international financial system is drifting away, foreign debt continues to strangle Southern countries, military spendings are skyrocketing. Therefore, it is imperative to break away from this destructive model.

Southern and Northern States must embrace the Right to Development with a firm commitment. This objective is of importance to all countries because of their interdependence. It is urgent to reinforce public services and international cooperation in order to create proper conditions for the implementation of that right.

Mister President,
I thank you for your attention.

Geneva, the 20th of September 2024