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Oral statement

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Consideration of the reports of the Working Group on the Right to Development (A/HRC/51/38, 27 June 2022 et A/HRC/51/39, 7 July 2022)

Mr. President,

CETIM reiterates its support for the Intergovernmental Working Group on the right to development in its task to elaborate a Convention on that particular right.

We are glad to witness that the revised version of the Draft Convention incorporate numerous pertinent aspects of the right to development. We will not go back to the comments we have presented to the Working group to further improve the future Convention's content.

However we would like to underline one more time that the future Convention should contribute first and foremost to the establishment of an equitable and democratic international order, an international and efficient cooperation to further improve the social and constant well-being of all peoples and an equitable repartition of wealth, as well as the achievement of all human rights and the right to development.

Individual and collective right by definition, the right to development makes everyone and all peoples the central actors and beneficiaries of this right. Thus the path to development, distinct for each country, must be chosen freely by its own people.

In a multiple crisis context (political, economic, social, health, environmental, ...), States carry a great responsibility to create proper conditions, at a national and international level, to implement the right to development. In this regard, States should impede militarization and the attacks made against the multilateral system, following their commitment to the UN Charter.

In the same line of thought, States should ban the use of external debt in particular or unilateral coercive measures as a mean to dominate peoples and the forceful application of iniquitous rules in commerce and international investment.

For CETIM, the effective implementation of the right to development will allow peaceful international relations, equitable and inclusive, based on the sovereignty of peoples and respect for all human rights. The future Convention on the right to development is destined to be the tool used to this objective.

Mr. President,

I thank your for your attention

Geneva, the 20th september 2022