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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Human Rights Council

54<sup>th</sup> session (11 September-13 October 2023)

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

### Oral statement

#### **Review of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development reports (A/HRC/54/40, 16 June 2023 and A/HRC/54/50, 18 July 2023)**

President,

CETIM reiterates its support for the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Right to Development and welcomes its successful drafting of a Convention on the Right to Development.

The Human Rights Council was also interested in the draft pact on the right to development. As the text stems from a compromise, it clearly cannot please everyone. However, in our view, it is an instrument which will contribute to bringing about a democratic and fair international order, to introducing international cooperation in good faith and to implementing the right to development.

In a context of multiple crises (political, economic, social, health, environmental, etc.) and in a world in which the basic needs of almost half of the population are not met, states have a duty to create the right conditions, both at national and international level, to implement this right.

The effective implementation of the right to development will, in our opinion, pave the way for peaceful international relations, based on the sovereignty of peoples and respect for all human rights.

For this reason, CETIM supports the adoption of the draft pact without delay and calls on all UN member states to adopt it and then implement it.

Thank you for your attention, President.

Geneva, 20 September 2023