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political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

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### **53/... The contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights**

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,*

*Recalling* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and all relevant human rights treaties, including the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

*Recalling also* the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, the 2005 World Summit Outcome, the Declaration on the Right to Development and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

*Noting* that 2023 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the thirtieth anniversary of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and acknowledging the importance of these instruments for the promotion and the protection of all human rights,

*Recalling* Human Rights Council resolutions 35/21 of 22 June 2017, 41/19 of 12 July 2019, and 47/11 of 12 July 2021,

*Reaffirming* that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated and that the international community must treat human rights globally in a fair and equal manner, on the same footing and with the same emphasis,

*Recognizing* that the aim of development is to constantly improve the well-being of the entire population and of all individuals on the basis of their active, free and meaningful participation in development and in the fair distribution of benefits resulting therefrom,

*Emphasizing* the important role of inclusive and sustainable development in promoting and protecting human rights, including economic, social and cultural rights, as

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\* State not a member of the Human Rights Council.



well as civil and political rights, and stressing the importance of development cooperation and the promotion and protection of human rights in ensuring that no one is left behind,

*Recognizing* that development and the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing,

*Reaffirming* that meeting the aspiration of the people for a better life is the priority of each State, and the importance of the realization of inclusive and sustainable development,

*Recognizing* that, while the significance of national and regional particularities and various historical, cultural and religious backgrounds must be borne in mind, it is the duty of States, regardless of their political, economic and cultural systems, to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Welcoming* the adoption of the 2030 Agenda, which contains a comprehensive, far-reaching and people-centred set of universal and transformative Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and reaffirming that the 2030 Agenda is of unprecedented scope and significance, accepted by all countries, taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities; its goals and targets are universal, integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development,

*Recognizing* that progress has been made across some of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, but it has not been at the pace required to achieve this ambitious agenda and has been uneven across countries and regions, and emphasizing that urgent progress is needed towards all targets,

*Deeply concerned* about the loss of life and livelihoods and the disruption to economies and societies caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and its negative impact on the enjoyment of human rights around the world, in particular its disproportionately heavy impact on persons in vulnerable situations, including women, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, persons with disabilities, older persons, young people and children, and that the progress made in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda might be reversed,

*Reaffirming* that the existence of extreme poverty inhibits the full and effective enjoyment of human rights, emphasizing that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is a great global challenge, an indispensable requirement and an overarching priority for sustainable development, and in this regard expressing deep concern that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought great challenges to global efforts in poverty reduction,

*Reaffirming also* that the immediate alleviation and eventual eradication of extreme poverty must remain a high priority for the international community, and that joint efforts towards the achievement of this goal should be strengthened,

*Affirming* the commitments to end poverty and hunger, in all their forms and dimensions, and to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential in dignity and equality and in a healthy environment,

*Welcoming* the tremendous efforts and achievements made by countries in promoting sustainable development and eradicating poverty, including extreme poverty, especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, reaffirming that each country faces specific challenges in its pursuit of sustainable development and the eradication of poverty, and recognizing the importance of supporting countries in their efforts to eradicate poverty in all its forms and dimensions,

*Recalling* that States are strongly urged to refrain from promulgating and applying any unilateral economic, financial or trade measures not in accordance with international law and the Charter that impede the full achievement of economic and social development, particularly in developing countries,

*Recalling also* the recognition of taking into account emerging issues and the development of new methodologies during the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and calling for the widest possible international cooperation to overcome challenges in the field

of human rights, and to realize high-quality development, with respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Welcoming* international, regional and national development initiatives that facilitate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda by revitalizing the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms,

*Affirming* that international cooperation for sustainable development has an essential role in shaping our shared future, particularly in assisting developing and the least developed countries, by providing technical cooperation and capacity-building upon their request in promoting sustainable development and eliminating obstacles to development, and emphasizing the importance of continued efforts to promote international development cooperation based on unity, solidarity, multilateral cooperation and the principle of leaving no one behind,

*Noting* the concept of human rights economy proposed by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights as a tool of an approach based on full respect for human rights to reduce inequalities and realize the 2030 Agenda, which seeks to redress root causes and structural barriers to equality, justice and sustainability, placing emphasis on inclusive participation and social dialogue, including the delivery of better results for people and the planet, grounded in economic, civil, political, social, cultural and environmental rights,

*Looking forward* to the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit, to be convened on 18 and 19 September 2023, which will mark the mid-point of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the beginning of a new phase of accelerated progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals,

*Looking forward also* to the Summit of the Future, to be convened in September 2024, which will play a role in reaffirming the Charter, reinvigorating multilateralism, boosting implementation of existing commitments, agreeing on concrete solutions to challenges and restoring trust among Member States,

1. *Reaffirms* the significant contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights by all;
2. *Recognizes* that development and the realization of human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing;
3. *Calls upon* all States to promote sustainable development to enable better enjoyment of human rights, to achieve gender equality and to promote equality of opportunity for development;
4. *Also calls upon* all States to realize people-centred development of the people, by the people and for the people;
5. *Encourages* all States to spare no effort to promote sustainable development, particularly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, to recover from the pandemic, and to pay particular attention to the promotion and protection of rights of persons in vulnerable situations;
6. *Emphasizes* the importance for the entire population of each State to benefit from inclusive and sustainable development and of addressing inequalities within and among States in the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and calls upon States to ensure that efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for all, by reaching all its Goals and targets, are strengthened and accelerated in this decade of action for building more sustainable, peaceful, just, equitable, inclusive and resilient societies where no one is left behind;
7. *Reaffirms* the commitment of all States to ending poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including by eradicating extreme poverty, and emphasizes that eradicating poverty, including extreme poverty, is an indispensable requirement for sustainable development and an overarching objective of the 2030 Agenda;

8. *Welcomes and appreciates* the efforts made by States, international organizations and other stakeholders to eradicate poverty, as well as the remarkable progress made in this field, particularly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is of significant importance for the enjoyment of human rights, and calls for enhanced international cooperation and exchanges regarding poverty eradication;

9. *Calls upon* Member States and the United Nations system, including its funds and programmes and specialized agencies, in accordance with their mandates, to continue to mobilize resources to carry out development cooperation and to assist States, particularly developing and the least developed countries, upon their request, in promoting sustainable development;

10. *Encourages* Member States, relevant United Nations bodies and other stakeholders to take the 2030 Agenda into account when delivering technical assistance and capacity-building, as requested by the countries concerned, in the field of human rights;

11. *Invites* relevant United Nations human rights mechanisms and procedures to continue to take into account the role of development in promoting and protecting human rights when fulfilling their mandates, and to incorporate a development perspective into their work;

12. *Notes with appreciation* the organization of all five regional seminars on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights, and looks forward to receiving the summary report on the seminars in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 47/11 for consideration at its fifty-fourth session;

13. *Encourages* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to reinforce its initiatives on fighting poverty and addressing inequalities in the context of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and requests the Secretary-General to strengthen the Office's dedicated capacity to strengthen initiatives on the contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights, including at the regional level to provide such increased support;

14. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a compilation of best practices in the contribution of development to the promotion and protection of all human rights in the context of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, and to submit the document, including in an accessible and easy-to-read format, to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-sixth session;

15. *Also requests* the Office of the High Commissioner, when preparing the above-mentioned compilation, to seek input from experts from diverse geographic regions, including from States, relevant intergovernmental organizations, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, relevant special procedures, the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, the treaty bodies, national human rights institutions, academia and civil society representatives;

16. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

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