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including the right to development**

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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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The Concept of The Rights-Based Approach to The Promotion and Protection of The Right to Development

The Right to development is a human right comprising of both individual and collective rights. Thus, it is a collective effort of the individual right holder, States and the International Community to ensure that this right is not only promoted, but also protected collectively.

The challenges causing blockages to the actualization to the promotion and protection of the Rights to Development should therefore be identified at the root cause level, and also the structural and triggering factors identified and eliminated.

Although, the 35th Anniversary of the Declaration of the Right to Development focused more on policy pathways to operationalizing the right to development, a human rights-based approach should be further encouraged. Important components of this in the Declaration of the Right to Development established equity, equality and justice as primary determinants of development, and thus the foundation to advance not only the United Nations agenda, but to also integrate development into human rights, thus further promoting and protecting it for the individual rights holders, States and the International Community.

The contribution of development to the enjoyment of all human rights resolution was adopted by the Human Rights Council on 12 July 2019, guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

To promote sustainable and inclusive development, the rights-based approach must equally feature in the purposes, processes and outcomes of development cooperation. Implementation, monitoring and evaluation models should be put in place to address discrimination, inequalities and human rights violations thereby bridging the gaps between existing policies and rights-holders.

The human rights-based approach is a perspective and process that can lead more directly to increased enjoyment of human rights. Development processes can eventually be focused on enjoyment of rights and promotion of values, take for instance the Older widows project that was done by the Universal Peace and Violence Amelioration Center in Jos, Nigeria that included both a health and legal clinic where widows that had legal issues because of their gender were heard and resolved thereby tackling the issue of gender inequality.

One of the most important aspects of this approach is the increased recognition of poverty as one of the greatest barriers to the universal enjoyment of human rights. In short, human rights basic approach aims for sustainable outcomes by analyzing and addressing the inequalities, discriminatory practices and unjust power relations which are often at the heart of development problems.

With regards to the inclusion of human rights in development we should see human right as an essential ingredient of the process of development and not just its byproduct. Thus, development and human rights can be achievable and it is something that all of us should be involved in.
