



**Statement on behalf of OIC Group, delivered by Mr. Umair Khalid, Second Secretary,
during the Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Right to Development
54th HRC Session
20 September 2023**

Mr. President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur for his report and welcome the thematic focus of the report.

We appreciate SR's assertion that four overarching principles of *self-determination, intersectionality, intergenerational equity, and fair distribution* can be derived from the Declaration on the Right to Development.

The SR has rightly contextualized the right to development from the lens of international human rights law, presenting development as a comprehensive economic, social and cultural process and placing wellbeing of individuals at the core of national and international efforts.

We underscore that by providing a pathway to holistic development through a participatory process, the right to development provides a path to realization of all other human rights and fundamental freedoms.

In that respect, the right to development is a part of all other interconnected and indivisible rights.

We thank the SR for pointing out that another continuing aspect of colonization has been the exclusion of developing countries from the power architecture of international financial institutions and pursuance of policies that do not prioritize the development needs and interests of developing countries.

In that context, we take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of engagement with international financial and economic organizations for ensuring human rights perspective in their discourse.

We would like to hear the SR's comments on how can the mutually reinforcing relationship among the 2030 Development Agenda, Paris Agreement and Addis Ababa Action Plan be further promoted to achieve sustainable development?

I thank you!