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ID with Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development
Report: Reinvigorating the right to development: A vision for the future

Excellencies,

At the mid-point in our efforts to achieve the SDGs, the promising transformative capacity of the right to development, remains confronted by persistent obstacles.

For the first time ever, the latest Human Development Index has declined globally for two consecutive years in the wake of interlinked crises.

Climate change – the greatest threat to human rights globally – is now accelerating, while conflicts are at their highest levels since 1945. Significant progress towards the Global Goals has been reversed.

To drive forward the right to development, much more needs to be done to reduce inequalities that threaten fundamental rights and progress.

UNDP welcomes the vision that the mandate holder has outlined in his report.

We must also address gaps in technical cooperation in countries. UNDP is strengthening integration between human rights and sustainable development systems in countries and supporting practical approaches to make recommendations from human rights mechanisms and the UPR process a reality in development planning and policies.

UNDP is working with duty-bearers including the business sector to uphold respect for human rights and strengthening the vital role of NHRIs around the world.

The right to development is a testament to human agency and empowerment. UNDP remains steadfast in its commitment to advance this pivotal right by dismantling any barrier to development, be it gender inequality or racial discrimination.

Thank you.