



Joint statement on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development

As the United Nations family commemorates the 25th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Right to Development, we reaffirm the vision of the United Nations Charter for a world in larger freedom, based on peace and security, development and human rights.

Since 1986, this Declaration has provided normative underpinnings for a human-centered approach to development. Human development and human rights are embedded and reinforce each other conceptually and in practice, helping to secure the well-being and dignity of all people.

An effective global partnership for development, underpinned through human rights-based policy coherence and coordination at all levels, is the very foundation for achieving the MDGs and other internationally agreed development goals in an equitable and sustainable manner.

Looking at development as a comprehensive process aiming to improve the lives of all peoples around the world our work is guided by key human rights principles of non-discrimination, equality, participation, transparency and accountability as well as international cooperation.

Recognizing the political commitments made in the 2010 MDG Outcome Document, which reaffirms the importance of respect for all human rights, including the right to development, States also resolved to work together for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples.

The UN development system continues to embrace and promote this vision around the world by supporting the development of national capacities under the principles of national ownership and social, economic and environmental sustainability. The UN system resolves to contribute to building resilient and responsive institutions and promoting policy coherence in the spirit of a meaningful global partnership for development.

Together, we are committed to carrying this vision forward, and to making the right to development a reality for all.

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