



48TH Human Rights Council, September – October 2021

Item 3: Expert Mechanism on Right to Development

We comment the members of the Expert Mechanism for their insights and achieving so much within a short time as is evident in the report.

We fully support para 41 b asking the HRC to authorize wider participation from civil society including NGOs without consultative status. Civil society is central to right to development.

In reference to para 17, we support the suggestion that right to development should also be considered as a human right in the collective sense as well.

Debt plays an extremely important part in Inequalities. Many developing countries cannot afford to provide even the basic the social protection necessary for their citizens due to the debt servicing.

We would like to propose that the right to development be inclusive of human rights and poverty as important markers and be made main stream across UN bodies, particularly the World Trade Organisation, and other institutions such as IMF and World bank, that are important in development.

WTO policies favour developed countries and the big Transnational Corporations. Their puritanical approach to the market are hostile to the protections that countries have to introduce to address poverty and right to development at the community level.

[Type text]

We urge the experts to look into integration of poverty, human rights and right to development in WTO, IMF and World Bank policies particularly in areas such as small farming where WTO policies are antagonistic.