
Thank you Chair.

- Germany thanks the HLP for organizing this panel. We welcome this opportunity to further understand and share views on the Right to Development.

- Germany aligns itself with the statement by the European Union.

- Germany remains strongly committed to achieving sustainable development and eradicating poverty; promoting respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms; working towards ensuring security and conflict prevention; and encouraging good governance, gender equality and equitable globalisation.

- We see the individual in the centre of all Human Rights. Therefore we support the approach to shape the Right to Development as a means to realize individual rights, in conformity with Art. 3 of the Declaration on the Right to Development: “States have the primary responsibility for the creation of national and international conditions favourable to the realisation of the right to development.”

- Germany supports the elaboration of a set of non-binding standards to implement the Right to development and to make the Right to Development operational, in particular by cooperating with the „Working group“ and „High-level Task Force on the Implementation of the Right to Development“.

To the esteemed panellists we would like to address the following questions:

1. What national enabling environment is needed for the realization of the right to development?

2. What next steps are required to advance the Right to Development agenda? What are the prospects for the political acceptability of this right?

Thank you!