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Review of progress in the implementation of
the right to development including consideration,
revision and refinement of the right to development
criteria and operational sub-criteria

Views expressed by other stakeholders on the right to development
criteria and operational sub-criteria during the fourteenth session of
the Open-ended Working Group on the Right to Development,
Geneva, 13-17 May 2013
I. Introduction

1. The Human Rights Council, in its resolution 24/4 endorsed the recommendations of the Working Group as reflected in its report on its fourteenth session, 13-17 May 2013, in which it requested the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to make available on its website and to the Working Group two conference room papers reflecting comments and views submitted during the session by Governments, groups of Governments and regional groups, as well as by other relevant stakeholders, respectively, on the right to development criteria and operational sub-criteria.

2. This document contains the views expressed by relevant stakeholders other than Member States which is contained in document A/HRC/WG.2/15/CRP.1.

II. Views expressed by other relevant stakeholders on the right to development criteria and operational sub-criteria

Criterion 1 (a): To promote constant improvement in socio-economic well-being

Sub-criterion 1 (a) (i)

Access to the basic right to (Caritas) Health

1(a) (i) bis

Social determinants of health (Caritas)

Sub-criterion 1 (a) (v)

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Right to Food (Caritas)

1(a) (v) bis

Appropriate means and facilities to foster comprehensive development (Caritas)

Criterion 1 (b): To maintain stable national and global economic and financial systems

Sub-criterion 1 (b) (v)

Protect against volatility of international commodity prices, prohibition of stock exchange speculation on commodity prices, which in particular relate to foodstuffs (CETIM)

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1 Text in bold indicates a proposal to add additional text. Struck-through text indicates a proposal to delete text. Struck-through text followed by text in bold indicates a proposal to replace the struck-through text with the bold text. Text in curly brackets indicates a request to delete the entire text between the curly brackets, or an expression of reservation to it. Bold text in square brackets indicates alternative proposals for new text to be inserted. Bold text in italics indicates a proposal to insert additional text to proposed new text. Alt 1, 2, 3 etc. indicates alternative paragraphs proposed to replace an existing paragraph. Bis, ter, quater, etc. indicates a proposal to insert a new paragraph. Proposals of a general nature with no concrete text suggestions are not included.
Sub-criterion 1 (b) (ix)

1 (b) (ix) bis
Regulation of the financial sector (CETIM)

1 (b) (ix) ter
Regulation of financial institutions (CETIM)

1 (b) (ix) quater
Regulation of transnational corporation activities at domestic and international levels (CETIM)

1 (b) (ix) quinquies
Forgiveness of the external debts of States (headings after a public audit) (CETIM)

Criterion 1 (c): To adopt national and international policy strategies supportive of the right to development

Sub-criterion 1 (c) (i)

1 (c) (i) bis
Right to development priorities reflected in national development plans and programmes, ensuring peoples' participation in decision making for development policy setting (CETIM)

Criterion 1 (f): To promote and ensure access to adequate financial resources

Sub-criterion 1 (f) (v)

Total debt cancellation for least developed countries (APG23)

Sub-criterion 1 (f) (vi)

Adoption of an international convention prohibiting tax havens and the reform of the statues of TNC’s organized as holding, trust, etc. so that these entities cannot escape taxation (CETIM)

Criterion 1 (g): To promote and ensure access to the benefits of science and technology

1 (g) (i) bis
Amendment of the WTO TRIPS rules to improve people's rights and the general interest (CETIM)

1 (g) (ii) bis
Technical, financial and political support for small farmers and improved protection for the rights of small farmers (CETIM)
Sub-criterion 1 (g) (iv):

1 (g) (iv) quinquies
Technology transfer, access and national capacity to promote and ensure equitable access to and sharing of science, knowledge and technology, and their benefits, including technology transfer at the international level (APG23)

Sub-criterion 1 (g) (ix):

The adoption of legislative measures to prevent monopolies being formed in the information sector at the national and international level (CETIM)

Criterion 1 (h): To promote and ensure environmental sustainability and sustainable use of natural resources

Sub-criterion 1 (h) (ii)

1 (h) (ii) bis
Firmly mention the respect to the right to self-determination of peoples and their permanent sovereignty on their natural resources (CETIM)

1 (h) (iii) ter
Adoption of an international binding instrument to cover the activities of Trans-national Corporations (CETIM)

Sub-criterion 1 (h) (iii)

1 (h) (iii) bis
Adoption of legislative measures in order to impose strict standards upon industrial manufacturers in order to limit energy wastage (CETIM)

Criterion 1 (i): To contribute to an environment of peace and security

Sub-criterion 1 (i) (x)
Promotion of the creation of national peace institutions (Caritas)

Sub-criterion 1 (i) (xi)
Reduction of military expenditure in favour of social and development policies (Caritas)

Sub-criterion 1 (i) (xii)
Promotion or implementation of educational programmes for peace for all scholastic levels (Caritas)
New proposed criterion 1 (i) bis

Indigenous peoples and nations and all peoples have the right to enjoy the benefits of international standards promoting the right of peoples to peace and security and to the principles established under the United Nations Definition of Aggression in accordance with the right to self-determination. (Indian Council of South America)

Sub-criterion 1 (i) ter (ii)

Inclusion of internationally recognized super partes organizations in the conflict resolution process (Caritas)

Sub-criterion 1 (i) ter (iii)

Elimination of threats of war (Caritas)

Criterion 1 (j): To adopt and periodically review national development strategies and plans of action on the basis of a participatory and transparent process

Sub-criterion 1 (j) (iv)

Active role of women and vulnerable groups (APG23)

Sub-criterion 1 (j) (vii)

Creation of legislative frameworks to facilitate the role of social business for development (APG23)

Sub-criterion 1 (j) (viii)

Financial, political and legislative support to NGOs at international and local level (APG23)

Sub-criterion 1 (j) (ix)

Improvement personal commitment actions and appropriate lifestyles through human right education and development (APG23)

Sub-criterion 1 (j) (x)

Inclusion of information on the progressive realization of the Right to development in country reports to the UPR mechanisms and UN Treaty Bodies (APG23)

Sub-criterion 1 (j) (xi)

Acceptance of UPR and UN treaty bodies recommendations on Right to development (APG23)