

**Submission in follow-up to HRC resolution 15/25 “The Right to development”**

**Committee on the on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

The Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights takes a keen interest in the evolution of the right to development and follows the work of your office on the Right to Development with great interest. We appreciate the fact that the year of 2011 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1986 UN Declaration on the Right to Development.

In our view the High-level Task Force has made a significant contribution to operationalize the right to development, building on the rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the various international human rights treaties and the 1986 UN Declaration on the Right to Development.

On behalf of the Committee, we would like to note that nearly all of the substantive articles 1-15 of the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights touch upon the to substance of the right to development, most notably Article 11 on the right to an adequate living standard.

We are pleased to note that the right to development criteria and sub-criteria as identified in the final report of the High-level Task Force build upon the rights contained in the Covenant and contribute in this way the set of criteria which can be used in assessing the way in which States parties observe the rights contained in the Covenant.

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