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## **UNDP Statement at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Intersessional meeting for Dialogue and Cooperation on Human Rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

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Thank you, Mr / Madam Chair for providing the floor to the United Nations Development Programme.  
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UNDP is pleased to participate in this second inter-sessional meeting today. Since the UNDP Assistant Secretary-General, Asako Okai addressed the first meeting in January 2019, UNDP's work has continued to support rights-based approaches to achievement of Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals.

UNDP continues to work in partnership with the UN Human Rights office in strengthening the linkages at national level between SDG localization, mainstreaming human rights into development planning and policies and follow-up to the human rights mechanisms. We recently co-convened another regional event with the UN Development Cooperation Office in Latin America to support these synergies following our similar event in Cape Verde in 2018.

UNDP as co-facilitator of the Global Alliance for Reporting Progress on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies issued a report for the thematic review of SDG 16 at the 2019 High-Level Political Forum. Based on extensive technical consultations and inputs from UN Country Teams the key findings underpin the messages being discussed at this meeting today. Specifically, that SDG16+ is instrumental in protecting fundamental freedoms and ensuring no one is left behind and governance institutions and decision-making processes rooted in a human rights-based approach to development are critical.

The role of National Human Rights Institutions remains key and significant investment is required in reliable disaggregated data to ensure that policy and programs reach marginalized and vulnerable groups.

Excellencies, the Political Declaration emphasizes the resolve to respect, protect and fulfil human rights in gearing up for a decade of action and delivery for sustainable development. UNDP will continue to support member states in this effort.

We look forward to reflecting on the good practices and lessons shared in this meeting today.

Thank you.