

DISCUSSION ON LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT, 2 NOVEMBER 2022

Thank you Chair,

The United Republic of Tanzania welcomes the holding of this session and the ensued discussion. As it has been alluded to in the deliberation during the session, development is a human right which needs to be treated as such.

Unfortunately, the attainment of this right has been somewhat slowed down by the various challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic and other global challenges. In that regard, concerted efforts are needed to eliminate obstacles and ensure the right is achieved especially for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) so that no one is left behind.

LDCs should be supported with productive capacity building through technology transfer and technical assistance. The productive capacity support should be tailored according to country specific needs. Furthermore, graduating LDCs must be accorded with smooth transition for soft landing particularly to be able to continue to benefit certain preferential treatments such as market access to save them from backsliding.

Chair,

The United Nations Declaration on Right to Development stipulates that the right to development is an inalienable human right by virtue of which every human person and all peoples are entitled to participate in, contribute to, and enjoy economic, social, cultural and political development, in which all human rights and fundamental freedom can be fully realized.

Therefore, the United Republic of Tanzania has taken deliberate measures to ensure successful implementation of this right. For example, in August 2022 the sixth Population and Housing Census was conducted for the purposes of economic planning, development, and fair distribution of services. Moreover, the United Republic of Tanzania adopted responsive measures to the COVID-19 pandemic in recognition of the right to health and in consideration of the socio-economic challenges of the pandemic.

Chair,

Despite the efforts at national level, we still need a strengthened multilateralism and international coordinated actions so as to effectively address these challenges and ensure the successful implementation of the sustainable development goals as well as prosperity for all.

I thank you Chair!