**23rd Session of the Intergovernmental Open-Ended Working Group on the Right to Development**

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**Joint oral statement delivered by Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII on behalf of the Working Group of Catholic Inspired NGOs on the Right to Development[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Item 5: Adoption of conclusions and recommendations**

Mr Chairman, Excellences, distinguished Delegates,

I address you also on behalf of the Working Group on the Right to Development of the Forum of Catholic-Inspired NGOs (CINGO) composed of 12 Catholic Inspired Organisations as I have done throughout the session. In this regard, I kindly ask the Secretariat to reflect this in the final text of the report.

We congratulate Ambassador Zamir Akram for the way he chaired this 23rd session of the Working Group and thank the Special Rapporteur on the Right to Development and the Expert mechanism for their participation. We also appreciated very much the competent and clear explanations given by the experts of the drafting committee on the different parts of the draft convention.

We appreciate very much the efforts made by the Member States in negotiating a consensual conclusion of this session in spite of the clear divergent views.

We look forward for the further revised text of the draft convention and are ready to send in writing our third contribution to the Chair and the drafting committee.

We do hope that by the end of year 2023, the peoples of the world may have an International Covenant on the right to development that will be a very important instrument for realizing the implementation of this fundamental right.

Thank You!

1. The NGOs belonging to the Working Group on the Right to Development of the Forum of Catholic-Inspired NGOs (CINGO) are as follows: Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII (APG23), Association Points-Cœur, AVSI, Caritas Internationalis (International Confederation of Catholic Charities), Company of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Dominicans for Justice and Peace (Order of Preachers), International Institute of Mary Our Help of the Salesians Sisters of Don Bosco (IIMA), International Organization for the Right to Education and Freedom of Education (OIDEL), MIAMSI, New Humanity, Teresian Association, and VIDES International (International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education, Development) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)