

## Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations Office and other international organizations

## Statement

By

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With the Expert Mechanism on the right to development

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## Madam President,

We thank the Expert Mechanism on the right to development for presenting its annual report(A/HRC/45/29). My delegation extends its support to the Expert Mechanism for their readiness, seriousness, thoughtfulness and flexibility to hold the meetings on the right to development amid Covid-19 difficulties.

All countries have the right to enjoy the right to development without any economic and political discrimination. The negative impacts of unilateral coercive measures on the right to development of the targeted countries should be a subject for thematic study by the Expert Mechanism.

We suggest the Expert Mechanism to cooperate with the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights to provide a new thematic report on the neglected negative impacts of UCMs.

Given the broad scope of development concepts, my delegation requests the expert mechanism to conduct at least one thematic research and study per year in discharging its mandate.

We also propose the mechanism to cover main untouched development challenges as well as the opportunities with the support of the interested partners. The impacts of arms sales on development, the use of mercenaries and terrorist groups in overthrowing sovereign States and its negative impacts on development and different aspects of UCMs on development are among the challenges that should be more studied.

The Islamic Republic of Iran stands ready to fully cooperate with the Mechanism and invites the expert mechanism to visit my country. We hope the visit will facilitate sharing best development practices of my country with the international community.

I thank you, Madam President.