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The right to International Solidarity and the Post 2015 UN Development Agenda

The Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII (APG23) and the co-signatory NGOs, welcome the report of Ms. Virginia Dandan, the Independent Expert on International Solidarity and Human Rights, submitted at the 23rd regular session of the Human Rights Council.

In her report, Ms. Dandan refers in page six at point (g), to the importance of a declaration on the right to International Solidarity in the Post-2015 UN Development Agenda by saying “ *the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals requires international solidarity and cooperation. The proposed declaration on the right to international solidarity could inform and strengthen the targets of the Goals, especially those related to Goal 8, as they presumably evolve into the sustainable development goals that are already in the planning stage.*”

In September 2011, the Secretary-General established the UN System Task Team on the Post-2015 UN Development Agenda to coordinate system-wide preparations for the agenda, in consultation with all the stakeholders. Such an agenda should help to create an enabling environment to meet shared objectives, support global solutions to global problems and guide national development efforts, while supporting the empowerment of people to determine their own futures. The preliminary report of the SG “*Realizing the Future We Want for All*” of June 2012, states that new agenda should be reorganised along four key dimensions of more holistic approach: (1) inclusive social development; (2) inclusive economic development; (3) environmental sustainability; and (4) peace and security. These dimensions are consistent with the principles of the Millennium Declaration which set out a vision of freedom from want and fear for present and future generations and builds on the three pillars of sustainable development.

We firmly believe that a declaration on the right to International Solidarity and the implementation of the Right to Development are both keys for achieving the full respect of all the others human rights and for establishing a Global Partnership, which is crucial to respond to the global challenges that require global solutions.

As Ms Dandan said in several occasions “*we must strive for a socially resilient, more equal and more inclusive world community, and the vehicle that will bring us towards that goal is international solidarity.*”