

**Interactive Dialogue with Expert Mechanism on right to development
(16th September): Mr. Bimbadhar Pradhan**

Madam President,

I thank the Expert Mechanism on the Right to Development for its annual report and for thematic study on operationalizing the “right to development” in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

We believe that the right to development is an inalienable human right. Thirty-five years have passed since the adoption of the UN Declaration on “Right to Development”.

We are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed existing fault-lines in global solidarity, imposing serious constraints for achievement of 2030 Agenda.

There is an urgency to synergize the efforts of the global community to achieve SDGs for the marginalized groups in the true spirit of “leaving no one behind”.

Towards fulfilling the right to development for all, the NHRC, India, plays an active role in monitoring the human rights obligations and undertakes all necessary measures for promotion of the right to development in all its dimensions, be it education, healthcare, nutrition and other essential infrastructure.

We look forward to the other thematic study reports of the Expert Mechanism, including the guidance as to how the NHRIs can strengthen their role in realizing the right to development for all.

Thank you