Seventy-eighth session
Item 73 (b) of the preliminary list*
Promotion and protection of human rights: human
rights questions, including alternative approaches for
improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and
fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 77/212, the General Assembly requested that the Secretary-General submit a report to the Assembly at its seventy-eighth session and an interim report to the Human Rights Council on the implementation of the resolution, including on efforts undertaken at the national, regional and international levels in the promotion and realization of the right to development, taking into account the context of the response to and the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, through equitable and fair access for all countries, in particular the most vulnerable countries and countries in special situations, to safe, quality, efficacious, effective, accessible and affordable vaccines and medicines as global public goods, as well as to promote global extensive immunization against COVID-19, sharing the benefits of scientific progress, financial and technological support and debt relief.

2. The Human Rights Council, in its resolution 51/7, requested that the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights continue to submit to the Council an annual report on the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner, including on inter-agency coordination within the United Nations system that had direct relevance to the realization of the right to development, and to provide an analysis, taking into account existing challenges and making recommendations on how to overcome them.

3. In accordance with the practice established because of the timing of the reporting cycle, each year the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner submit a consolidated report on the right to development to both the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council. The report of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner on the right to development is contained in document A/HRC/54/38.

* A/78/150.