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I have a question. On Article 2, Diana Desierto explained at length the importance of regional mechanisms. So why not add a definition in Article 2 to define "regional mechanism"? I am speaking from an African perspective. For example, you explain what the African Union is doing. Defining it in Article 2 won't hurt the text in my view.

So, we also have similar observation on Article 3, where you are talking about "national", there should be at "national, regional, and international levels and etc."

In my view, it would be inclusive as to importance of the work of regional mechanisms are doing in terms of the right to development. I think that's basic because, when you look at the Charter of the United Nations itself, Chapter VIII recognizes the importance of regional arrangements. From that perspective, from that basis, it is important to include that in the text.

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