The Permanent Mission of State of Libya

To The United Nation

Statement

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DEVELOPMENT

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Madam Vice-Chair,
Distinguished Experts,
Excellencies,

On behalf of the Permanent Mission of Libya to the United Nations,
I extend to you all our warm greetings.

We wish to reaffirm that sustainable development and the genuine realization of the right to development cannot be achieved in the absence of peace and security. Conflicts remain the greatest obstacle to the fulfillment of this right. We therefore call for strengthened international efforts to ensure a stable environment for development, in line with the mandate of this Working Group.

We also underscore the importance of the interactive dialogue as a platform for the exchange of perspectives. We remain committed to working with all partners to ensure that these studies are translated into practical policies that advance human well-being and uphold human rights everywhere. In this regard, we reiterate the principle affirmed in the 1986 Declaration on the Right to Development, which states that the right to development is an inalienable human right, and that equal opportunity for development is a right of both nations and individuals.

In conclusion, we emphasize that the rapid evolution of artificial intelligence should not be viewed merely as a technological tool, but as a means to promote cultural diversity. We see the need to bridge the digital divide to ensure that this technology contributes to inclusive development without marginalizing local cultural identities, while guaranteeing the equitable distribution of its benefits among all States.

Thank you.