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Australia is committed to the Sustainable Development Goals as a universal, global approach to reduce poverty, promote sustainable development and ensure the peace and prosperity of people across the world. Through our development assistance program, we work in partnership to help countries throughout the Indo-Pacific and across the world to become more prosperous and secure.

Australia takes a human rights-based approach to sustainable development, emphasising the need for countries to respect, protect and promote human rights, in line with international human rights law, in the implementation of all SDGs.

We note the diversity of views of States on the "right to development" and that it has not been defined in any international legally binding instrument to which Australia is a party.

Australia recognises its obligations with respect to development as required under the UN Charter and the international human rights treaties to which it is a party.