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THE BURGEONING RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT AND ITS APPLICATION IN THE EUROPEAN SYSTEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION

The concept of development has gained prominence on the international's agenda in the last decades. In parallel with its ever-growing importance, the shaping of a right to development has also started to call for the attention of the legal doctrine. After its first official proclamation in the 1986 General Assembly Resolution and some years of apparent decline, interest has revived with the adoption of a draft Convention on the right to development. Moving from its most controversial legal aspects, the present contribution elaborates some reflections about the possible realization and impact of the right to development in the European system of human rights protection, where several drivers threaten its very foundations. The stance advocated is that the centrality of the concept of development in various domains, especially in the European context, should be supported in the nearest future by its formal recognition as a judiciable and opposable right entailing a series of obligations, whose full realization would in turn guarantee a higher degree of security and peace worldwide.