

Together 2030 Reaction to the Zero Draft of the Ministerial Declaration of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development and the ECOSOC High Level Segment

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Together 2030¹ (www.together2030.org) welcomes the **zero draft of the Ministerial Declaration of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development and the ECOSOC High Level Segment**.

We present below some key comments and concrete language inputs. Our contributions are based on the Initiative's [thematic paper](#) for the HLPF and [reaction](#) to the Elements Paper presented by the Co-facilitators.

Key Comments:

- We welcome the recognition that the pace of implementation of the 2030 Agenda needs to be accelerated. We believe that The Ministerial Declaration should reinforce the political will on the ground for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.
- The draft text falls short on references to the three pillars of sustainable development. The environmental pillar tends to be overlooked compared to the social and economic pillars. The document currently does not properly recognize the importance of biodiversity and of a healthy environment for poverty eradication and sustainable and shared prosperity for all.
- Some of the SDGs under review at the 2017 HLPF have been addressed in specific paragraphs of the zero draft declaration (para 12 for SDG 5; para 13 for SDG 17) while others (SDG 2, 3, 9 and 14) are merged and referred into one paragraph (OP 11). Member States should consider a more coherent approach by flagging all goals under review in separate paragraphs.
- The universality of the 2030 Agenda is not stressed enough in the current draft. It is important that Ministers reinforce this aspect of the Agenda in the HLPF Ministerial Declaration.
- The draft does not properly refer to the role of civil society and stakeholders as partners in the implementation neither to their contributions to the follow up, review and implementation of the Agenda 2030 and the SDGs.
- References to people, groups and populations needs strengthening on the text.

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¹ Together 2030 is a civil society initiative that promotes national implementation and track progress of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We aim to generate knowledge and project voices from different civil society and stakeholders around the world on the challenges and opportunities for the 2030 Agenda. We bring together actors to discuss the way to formulate and implement roadmaps at national level and hold governments to account at all levels.

Specific Language Recommendations

Zero draft - Ministerial Declaration of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and the ECOSOC High Level Segment

"Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world"

“Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing related challenges”

We, the Ministers and high representatives, having met at the United Nations Headquarters in New York,

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<p>1. Undertake to realize the promise of the 2030 Agenda, for all people everywhere, ensuring that no one is left behind. We stress that the 2030 Agenda is people-centred, universal and transformative and that its Goals and targets are integrated and indivisible. We reaffirm all the principles recognized in the Agenda, and emphasize that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. We welcome efforts at all levels to implement the Agenda and recognize that after almost two years of implementation our individual and collective efforts have yielded encouraging results in many areas. We acknowledge, at the same</p>	<p>1. Undertake to realize the promise of the 2030 Agenda, for all people everywhere, ensuring that no one is left behind. We stress that the 2030 Agenda is people-centred, universal and transformative and that its Goals and targets are integrated and indivisible ADD: [and balances the three dimensions of sustainable development]. We reaffirm all the principles recognized in the Agenda, and emphasize that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development ADD: [and that alleviating poverty and achieving prosperity for all cannot be sustainably achieved without protecting and biodiversity</p>	<p>It is very important that the Ministerial Declaration acknowledges the need to further accelerate the pace of implementation. We also strongly support the reaffirmation of all the principles recognized in the Agenda.</p>

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<p>time, that the pace of implementation must be accelerated as the tasks facing us are urgent, and that action is imperative for securing our objectives for people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership;</p>	<p>and fighting climate change and environmental degradation]. We welcome efforts at all levels to implement the Agenda and recognize that after almost two years of implementation our individual and collective efforts have yielded encouraging results in many areas. We acknowledge, at the same time, that the pace of implementation must be [ADD: further] accelerated as the tasks facing us are urgent, and that action is imperative for securing our objectives for people, planet, prosperity, peace and partnership;</p>	
<p>2. Considered the theme of the 2017 High-Level Political Forum, “Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world”, and also considered the theme of the 2017 session of the Council, “Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing related challenges”, and recognize that they require that we take into account inherent interlinkages between different goals and targets of the SDGs, as well as the need to address the multidimensional nature of poverty and reach the furthest behind first.</p>	<p>2. Considered the theme of the 2017 High-Level Political Forum, “Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world”, and also considered the theme of the 2017 session of the Council, “Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing related challenges”, and recognize that they require that we take into account ADD: [the interrelations between different goals and targets of the SDGS and the call for integrated solutions made in the 2030 Agenda]</p> <p>DELETE: [inherent interlinkages between different goals and targets of the SDGs], as well</p>	<p>Recommendations intend to align the Ministerial Declaration to paragraph 13 of the 2030 Agenda and with OP 9 of the draft Declaration.</p>

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	as the need to address the multidimensional nature of poverty while tackling its root causes and reach the furthest behind first.	
3. Recall all relevant resolutions and processes in support of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development including, the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020, the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA Pathway), the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the 10-year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the New Urban Agenda (Habitat III), and call for their swift implementation.	...the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the New Urban Agenda (Habitat III), and ADD: [Our Ocean, Our Future: Call for Action] and call for their swift implementation.	The outcome of the Oceans Conferences is mandated as an input to the 2017 HLPF. Although it is mentioned in the zero draft (OP 11) it should also be upfront and referred together to the other resolutions and processes.
4. Recognize the need to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies that provide equal access to justice and that are based on respect for human rights, including the right	4. Recognize the ADD: [urgent] need to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies that ADD: [prevent all forms of violence, particularly against children] , provide equal access to justice	Addition would present all the components in Goal 16 and protects the integrity of the Goal, addressed in this paragraph.

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<p>to development, on effective rule of law and good governance at all levels and on transparent, effective and accountable institutions. We are committed to a world in which every woman and girl enjoys full gender equality and all legal, social and economic barriers to their empowerment have been removed;</p>	<p>and that are based on respect for human rights, including the right to development, ADD: [to] DELETE: [on] effective rule of law and good governance at all levels and on transparent, effective and accountable institutions. We are committed to a world in which ADD: [well-nourished individuals realize their full potential, and in which] every woman, and girl [ADD: and boy] enjoys full gender equality; and all legal, social ADD: [political, civil, cultural, environmental] and economic barriers to their empowerment have been removed. ADD: [Further recognising that a human rights-based response to economic crises is the most effective means of reaching and uplifting vulnerable populations, and contributes to the achievement of inclusive and sustainable growth and development];</p>	<p>In many countries austerity measures, have reduced government expenditures on human rights, development and social welfare. Without a rights-based approach to economic crisis, the economic disparity faced by vulnerable populations, including person with disabilities, will not be adequately addressed.</p>
<p>5. View youth and children as agents for change. They have a critical role in accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Investing in children and protecting them from violence is essential to address multidimensional deprivations, end intergenerational poverty, and promote prosperity;</p>	<p>5. ADD: [Affirm children and young women and men as agents for change]. View youth and children as agents for change. They have a critical role in accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Investing in children ADD: [and in their caregivers, ensuring their well being] and protecting them from ADD: [all forms of violence] is essential to address</p>	<p>Paragraph 51 in the 2030 Agenda reads “children and young women and men”.</p> <p>Adding caregivers to recognized that children experience their families poverty and other circumstances and</p>

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	<p>multidimensional deprivations, end intergenerational poverty, and promote ADD: [inclusive] prosperity ADD: [and achieve sustainable development]</p>	<p>considering that children does not (and should not) generate income.</p>
<p>6. Commit to embrace diversity, to strengthen social cohesion, intercultural dialogue and understanding, tolerance, mutual respect, gender equality, innovation, entrepreneurship, inclusion, identity, safety, and the dignity of all people, and to take steps to ensure that our local institutions promote pluralism and peaceful co-existence within increasingly heterogeneous and multi-cultural societies in our effort to leave no one behind;</p>	<p>6. Commit to embrace diversity, ADD: [end discrimination,] strengthen social cohesion, intercultural dialogue and understanding, tolerance, mutual respect, gender equality, innovation, entrepreneurship, inclusion, ADD: [biodiversity and ecosystems conservation, the fight against climate change,] identity, safety, ADD: [accessibility] and the dignity of all people, and to take steps to ensure that our local institutions promote pluralism ADD: [equality] and peaceful co-existence within increasingly heterogeneous, ADD: [inclusive] and multi-cultural societies in our effort to leave no one behind [ADD: and to fully realize the human rights of all;]</p>	<p>Several countries actively discriminate against groups and populations so the ministerial declaration should not only about commit to what is right (embrace diversity and strengthen social cohesion...), but also stop doing what is wrong, at the social and policy level.</p>
<p>7. Underline that policy integration is essential to poverty eradication and to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, requiring engagement by all stakeholders and that it is key to unlocking opportunities for poverty eradication at the national level. In that regard, we call on the United Nations to establish an interagency task force, guided by the Economic and Social Council, to</p>	<p>7. Underline that policy integration, ADD: [coordination and coherence are] is essential to ADD: [the eradication of poverty and hunger] and to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, requiring ADD: [effective and meaningful] engagement by all stakeholders ADD: [and all peoples at all levels,] and that it is key to unlocking opportunities for poverty ADD: [and hunger] eradication at ADD: [local and national</p>	<p>Reference to ‘hunger’ is aligned with the main theme of the HLPF 2017 and Goal 2, which is under review.</p> <p>Policy integration starts with integrated policy planning across sectorial ministries and stakeholder groups. This addition should be an important element of the interagency</p>

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<p>provide further policy guidance towards our national efforts to enhance policy integration for achieving the SDGs;</p>	<p>levels]. In that regard, we call on the United Nations to establish an interagency task force, guided by the Economic and Social Council, to provide further policy guidance towards our national efforts to enhance policy integration ADD: [including integrated policy planning] for achieving the SDGs;</p>	<p>task force’s guidance work, also because it could be a very tangible and useful deliverable vis-à-vis Member States.</p>
<p>8. Note with appreciation the Report of the Secretary General on the progress made towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, which provides an evidence base for our review, while also indicating the finalization of the global indicator framework. We acknowledge that while global progress is evident in many cases, it is uneven across countries and regions; and also insufficient across many targets and indicators;</p>	<p>Note with appreciation the report of Secretary General on the progress made towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals at the Global level, which provides an evidence base for ADD: [further review and consultation], while also indicating the finalization of the global indicator framework. We acknowledge that while global progress is evident in many cases, it is uneven across countries and regions; and also insufficient across many targets and indicators. ADD: We call upon Member States to prioritise, provide due attention to and support the capacity development of national statistical systems. We further call upon the Inter-Agency Expert Group (IAEG) on SDGs, UN Statistical Commission, and the Custodian agencies to prioritize the timely development of methodology and identify data sets for the Tier II and III indicators that are the less advanced;</p>	<p>We share the concerns of some civil society groups regarding inconsistencies in the Secretary General report. We strongly support the recognition that progress on the SDG implementation has been uneven across countries and regions and insufficient across many targets and indicators.</p>

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<i>[SDGs under review, as well as SDG 17]</i>		
9. Reiterate that although our review this year emphasizes SDGs 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14; as well as SDG 17, the integrated and unified nature of the SDGs makes it essential that we pay particular attention towards leveraging synergies and co-benefits, while avoiding or minimising goal conflicts and trade-offs. The indivisible and interlinked nature of the goals and targets guides and informs the in-depth review by the High Level Political Forum;	9. Reiterate that although our review this year emphasizes SDGs 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14; as well as SDG 17, the integrated and unified nature of the SDGs makes it essential that we pay particular attention towards leveraging synergies and co-benefits, while avoiding or minimising goal conflicts and trade-offs. The indivisible and interlinked nature of the goals and targets ADD: [and the need to balance the economic, and environment dimensions] guides and informs the in-depth review by the High Level Political Forum	
10. Believe that eradicating extreme poverty around the world will require continued, sustainable and inclusive economic growth; investing in people’s health, education and skills; and building resilience to the impact of internal and external shocks. International trade and foreign direct investment are key enablers of growth and can contribute to poverty reduction. We recognize that social protection systems and measures protect the poor and vulnerable, including against	10. Believe that eradicating extreme poverty around the world will require continued, sustainable and inclusive economic growth; investing in people’s health, education and skills; ADD: [safeguarding environmental integrity]; and building resilience to the impact of internal and external shocks ADD: [and halting and reversing environmental degradation and climate change] . International trade and foreign	Social protection floors can protect the poor but can also be a tool to lift them out of poverty, thus they must not just to the minimum (protecting) but also empower people. The current wording is limited in implying social protection is for “the poor and vulnerable”. We would opt for a more universal language, which

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<p>shocks such as severe weather, pandemics, food price volatility, and economic crises. We urge that countries, in the context of their own national plans and programmes, include measures that will amplify the poverty reducing impact of actions taken to achieve other SDGs such as those related to growth, energy, infrastructure, and inequality; identify populations most at risk of remaining in or falling back into poverty and place a special focus on reaching them; and develop robust mechanisms to strengthen institutions serving those affected by conflict, fragility and forced migration.</p>	<p>direct investment are key enablers of ADD: [sustainable] growth and can contribute to poverty reduction. We recognize ADD : [stress] that social protection systems and measures ADD: [must] protect ADD: [and empower] the poor and vulnerable, including against ADD: [lifecycle] shocks such as severe weather, pandemics, food price volatility, and economic crises. ADD: [We further recognise that beneficiaries must be included in the planning, implementation for effective and sustainable social protection systems]. We urge that countries, in the context of their own national plans and programmes, include measures that will amplify the poverty ADD: [and hunger] reducing impact of actions taken to achieve other SDGs such as those related to growth, ADD: [renewable and clean] energy, infrastructure, ADD: [sustainable use of natural resources] and inequality; identify populations most at risk of remaining in or falling back into poverty and place a special focus on reaching them ADD: [and ensuring their effective participation in decision-making]; and develop robust mechanisms to strengthen institutions</p>	<p>articulates that social protection is about protecting all people from poverty and vulnerability. The outline of the various shocks does not include lifecycle shocks/stresses (old age, disability etc).</p> <p>Additionally, Ministers should commit to prevent the shocks in the first place, as well as building resilience to them.</p> <p>For 10bis: Statistics on differentiated impact of poverty on children are staggering. World Bank, UNICEF and a report just released this week by Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative – OPHI which affirms that “half of poor people across 103 countries are children”.</p> <p>There is an urgency to place a spotlight on child poverty and how disproportionately affected children are in the face of poverty.</p>

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	<p>serving those affected by conflict, fragility and forced migration.</p> <p>ADD: 10bis. Acknowledges that in almost every country in the world children, particularly girls are more likely to be living in poverty than adults. Their particular life stage makes them more vulnerable to its devastating effects with potential lifelong consequences for their physical, cognitive and social development. There are no second chances for children.</p>	
<p>11. Underline that ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition and promoting agricultural transformation are inextricably linked and major drivers for the eradication of poverty and the fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda as a whole. We emphasize that investment in health contributes to reducing inequality, sustainable and inclusive economic growth, social development, environmental protection, and to the eradication of poverty and hunger. We reiterate the importance of innovation for achieving the 2030 Agenda. We recognize that inclusive and sustainable industrialization, as well as resilient and accessible infrastructure is</p>	<p>11. Underline that ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition and promoting ADD: [sustainable agriculture] are inextricably linked and major drivers for the eradication of poverty ADD: [the strong health of individuals and communities], and the fulfilment of the 2030 Agenda as a whole. ADD: [Sustainable food systems provide an important link between people, planet and prosperity.] We emphasize that investment in health, ADD: [improved nutrition and education] contributes to reducing inequality, ADD: [promoting] sustainable and inclusive economic growth, social development, environmental protection, and to the eradication of poverty and hunger. We reiterate the importance of ADD: [traditional</p>	<p>SDG 2 reads: “End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture”</p> <p>Should delegations decide to deviate from the original language in SDG 2, we suggest to “[...] and promoting the transformation to sustainable food systems [...]”</p> <p>We identified that some of the SDGs under review have been dealt in specific paragraphs in the draft declaration (para 12 for SDG 5; para 13 for SDG 17) while others (SDG 2, 3, 9 and 14) are merged are referred into</p>

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<p>integral for the structural transformation of economies in order to create decent jobs, promote productivity growth, enhance incomes and achieve sustainable development. We welcome the outcome of the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of SDG 14. We recognize that the well-being of present and future generations is inextricably linked to the health and productivity of our oceans, seas and marine resources, and the need to take urgent action to protect the planet from further degradation;</p>	<p>knowledge and] innovation for achieving the 2030 Agenda. We recognize that inclusive and sustainable industrialization, as well as resilient and accessible infrastructure is integral for the structural transformation of economies in order to create decent jobs, promote productivity growth, enhance incomes and achieve sustainable development. We welcome the outcome of the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of SDG 14. We recognize that the well-being of present and future generations is inextricably linked to the health and productivity of our oceans, seas and marine resources, and the need to take urgent action to protect the planet from further degradation;</p>	<p>this paragraph (OP 11). Members States could consider a more coherent approach by flagging all goals under review in separate paragraphs.</p>
<p>12. Emphasize that realizing gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls will make a crucial contribution to progress across all the goals and targets. There are mutually reinforcing links between the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls; and the eradication of poverty. However, gender inequality and the lack of empowerment of women persist worldwide.</p>	<p>12. Emphasize that realizing ADD: [all women’s rights], gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls will make a crucial contribution to progress across all the goals and targets. There are mutually reinforcing links between the achievement of gender equality ADD: [the fulfilment of women’s rights] and the empowerment of all women and girls; and the eradication of poverty. However, gender inequality and the lack of empowerment of women persist worldwide.</p>	<p>The Ministerial Declaration must reinforce the commitment to the fulfillment of all women’s rights.</p>

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<p>13. Emphasize strengthening and promoting effective and transparent multi-stakeholder partnerships, including public-private partnerships, by enhancing engagement of governments with global, regional and sub-regional bodies and programmes, the scientific community, the private sector, donor community, non-governmental organisations, community groups, academic institutions, and other relevant actors.</p>	<p>13. Emphasize strengthening and promoting effective ADD: [inclusive,] and transparent multi-stakeholder partnerships, including public-private partnerships, by enhancing engagement of governments with global, regional and sub-regional bodies and programmes, the scientific community, the private sector, donor community, non-governmental ADD: [and people's] organisations, community groups, ADD: indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities] academic institutions, and other relevant actors.</p>	<p>Not all people's organizations are NGOs.</p>
<p><i>[Means of implementation, including financing for development, science, technology, and innovation]</i></p>		
<p>14. Reiterate that the required revitalized Global Partnership for Sustainable Development should facilitate an intensive global engagement in support of implementation of all Sustainable Development Goals. We are fully committed to realizing this aim, working together with all stakeholders. International public finance plays an important role in complementing the efforts of countries to mobilize public resources domestically, especially in the</p>		

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<p>poorest and most vulnerable countries with limited domestic resources. We note in this regard, the increase in blended finance strategies through partnerships with the private sector, so as to scale up the amount of capital that can be mobilized to support public investment projects. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda, and in this regard we welcome the holding of the second ECOSOC forum on financing for development, and take note of its inter-governmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations;</p>		
<p>15. Emphasize that harnessing the potential of science, technology and innovation, closing technology gaps and scaling up capacity-building at all levels are essential to achieving sustainable development and poverty eradication. We welcome the progress made in operationalizing the Technology Facilitation Mechanism and the holding of the second multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals. We look to the STI Forum to continue to provide opportunities to strengthen dialogue between stakeholders and</p>		

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Governments and to promote an environment conducive to sharing and exchanging ideas and success stories and catalysing new initiatives and partnerships;		
16. Stress the need to promote the participation and inclusion of youth and children in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, including through participation in its review processes. To this end, we take note with appreciation of the ECOSOC Youth Forum and commend Member States, the United Nations system, youth-led and youth-focused organizations as well as other civil society and private sector stakeholders for their work on youth in sustainable development. We urge Member States to ensure that youth education, skill development and employment are at the centre of all priorities to enable them to fulfil their potential as active members of society. We encourage Member States to include youth and children’s perspectives in the development and assessment of sustainable development policies, strategies and programs;	Stress the need to promote the ADD: [meaningful] participation and inclusion of youth and children in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, including through participation in its review processes. To this end, we take note with appreciation of the ECOSOC Youth Forum and commend Member States, the United Nations system, youth-led and youth-focused organizations as well as other civil society and private sector stakeholders for their work on youth in sustainable development. ADD: [Further, we take note that no similar space exists for children in sustainable development and encourage the President of ECOSOC to review]. We urge Member States to ensure that youth education, skill development and ADD: [inclusive] employment are at the centre of all priorities to enable them to fulfil their potential as active members of society ADD: [and reduce inequalities by promoting social inclusion]. We encourage Member States to include youth and children’s perspectives in the development and	For young people, especially the most at risk and vulnerable, the primary goal of finding a job is not only to be able to contribute to economic growth. It is actually a tool to achieving independence, self-sufficiency, social integration and respect. Jobs should also be perceived as a tool for resource distribution and equality promotion, and not only to foster economic growth.

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	assessment of sustainable development policies, strategies and programs;	
<p>17. Emphasize that the spread of information and communications technology and global interconnectedness has great potential to accelerate human progress, to bridge the digital divide and to develop knowledge societies, as does scientific and technological innovation across areas as diverse as medicine and energy. We recognize that the creation, development and diffusion of new innovations and technologies and associated know-how are powerful drivers of economic growth and sustainable development. We acknowledge both the transformative and disruptive potential of new technologies, particularly advances in automation, on our labour markets and on the jobs of the future and, in this regard, seek to prepare our societies and economies for these effects;</p>	<p>17. Emphasize that the spread of ADD: [accessible] information and communications technology and global interconnectedness has great potential to accelerate human progress, to bridge the digital divide and to develop knowledge societies, as does scientific and technological innovation across areas as diverse as medicine and energy. We recognize that the creation, development and diffusion of new innovations and technologies and associated know-how are powerful drivers of ADD: [sustainable] economic growth and ADD: [of people-centred development that protects the planet and its natural resources]. We acknowledge both the transformative and disruptive potential of new technologies, particularly advances in automation, on our labour markets and on the jobs of the future and, in this regard, seek to prepare our societies and economies for these effects;</p>	<p>Innovations and technologies should serve all three people, planet and prosperity.</p>
<p>18. Welcome the appointment of the 15 eminent scientists to draft the quadrennial Global Sustainable Development Report which will inform the 2019 High-Level Political Forum and</p>		

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strengthen the science-policy interface at all levels;		
<p>19. Emphasize the critical importance of strengthened and effective multi-stakeholder partnerships for achieving poverty eradication in all its forms and for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. We note with appreciation the work of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum, which stressed that cross-sectoral and integrated partnerships that are aligned with the United Nations’ values are instrumental in enabling collective action at all levels, and that transparency and accountability in partnerships would be fundamental in achieving sustainable development. To this end, we encourage the UN system to enhance its collaboration with partners and share knowledge and best practices in partnership approaches with a view to improving transparency, coherence, due diligence, accountability and impact. We also emphasize the crucial importance of collaboration, learning and cooperation at all levels, including, North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;</p>	<p>19. Emphasize the critical importance of strengthened and effective multi-stakeholder partnerships for ADD: [sustainable development and achieving] poverty eradication in all its forms and for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. We note with appreciation the work of the ECOSOC Partnership Forum, which stressed that cross-sectoral and integrated partnerships that are aligned with the United Nations’ values are instrumental in enabling collective action at all levels, and that transparency and accountability in partnerships would be fundamental in achieving sustainable development. To this end, we encourage the UN system to enhance its collaboration with partners and share knowledge and best practices in partnership approaches with a view to improving transparency, coherence, due diligence, accountability and impact. We also emphasize the crucial importance of collaboration, learning and cooperation at all levels, including, North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation</p>	

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	for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;	
<p><i>[Countries in special situations]</i></p> <p>20. Reiterate that each country faces specific challenges in its pursuit of sustainable development. The most vulnerable countries and, in particular, African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States deserve special attention. Common challenges across LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS include structural rigidities, levels of indebtedness, low share of global trade, remoteness, poor infrastructure development, low productivity, jobless growth, and limited resilience to the impact of internal and external shocks including the impact of climate change, desertification, and land degradation. There are also serious developmental challenges faced by many middle-income countries.</p>	<p>20. Reiterate that each country faces specific challenges in its pursuit of sustainable development. The most vulnerable countries and, in particular, African countries, least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States deserve special attention. Common challenges across LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS include structural rigidities, levels of indebtedness, low share of global trade, remoteness, poor infrastructure development, low productivity, jobless growth, and limited resilience to the impact of internal and external shocks including the impact of climate change, desertification, and land degradation ADD: [and biodiversity loss]. There are also serious ADD: [structural] and developmental challenges faced by many middle-income countries. ADD: [We also reiterate the universality of the 2030 Agenda and urge developed countries to avoid complacency in upholding their commitments.]</p>	<p>Structural impediments are the main obstacles that MIC's development face.</p> <p>This paragraph should also reflect the universality of the 2030 Agenda and call upon developed countries to fulfil their commitments.</p>
<p><i>[Follow-up and review]</i></p>		

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<p>21. Commend the 44 countries that conducted Voluntary National Reviews at the 2017 High-Level Political Forum, which were enriched by the past experiences shared by the 2016 presenters. They have shared valuable lessons learned, as well as challenges encountered. We welcome the efforts of countries to involve a wide variety of stakeholders in their Voluntary National Review processes, both in the preparations and in their presentations;</p>	<p>21. Commend the 44 countries that conducted Voluntary National Reviews at the 2017 High-Level Political Forum, which were enriched by the past experiences shared by the 2016 presenters. They have shared valuable lessons learned, as well as challenges encountered. We welcome the efforts of ADD: [some] countries to involve a wide variety of stakeholders in their Voluntary National Review processes, both in the preparations and in their presentations;</p>	<p>Not all countries have been inclusive of civil society in the preparation of their VNRs.</p>
<p>22. Encourage all Member States to make best use of the lessons learnt from the review process to enhance their national implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to consider conducting reviews;</p>	<p>22. Encourage all Member States to make best use of the lessons learnt from the review process to enhance their national implementation of the 2030 Agenda and to consider conducting reviews ADD: [and to communicate this intention to the President of ECOSOC as early as possible to facilitate planning of HLPF sessions] ;</p>	<p>Predictability and planning are key for appropriate follow up and review processes. Member States should be encouraged to inform their plans with regards to presenting VNRs at the HLPF as this strengthens the process at national, regional and global levels.</p>
<p>23. Commend the 2017 regional forums for sustainable development for engaging in a systematic process of follow-up and review at the regional level, which provides useful opportunities for regional cooperation and peer learning, reviews, sharing of best practices and discussion on agreed targets and identified challenges,</p>	<p>ADD: 23bis. Welcome the various inputs to the HLPF from the ECOSOC functional commissions and other intergovernmental bodies and forums, as well as the Major Groups and other stakeholders, which are organizing HLPF preparatory events and provide important</p>	<p>A reference to the inputs provided by the ECOSOC commissions, intergovernmental bodies (such as CFS), and Major Groups should be made. https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/inputs/</p>

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<p>as well as for convening regional contributions to the High-Level Political Forum. We further recognize the important role that other regional and sub-regional forums can have in supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;</p>	<p>expert knowledge on this year’s theme as well as the goals under review.</p>	
<p>24 Recognize that innovations for infrastructure development and sustainable industrialization are integral for the structural transformation of economies in order to create decent jobs, promote productivity growth, enhance incomes and achieve sustainable development. We welcome the launch of the Accelerated Agriculture and Agro-industry Development Initiative PLUS (3ADI+) to re-energize the global partnership to achieve a sustainable and inclusive transition of agro-industry to eradicate poverty and food insecurity. We also welcome the Programme for Country Partnerships that mobilizes external partners and additional resources to accelerate the achievement of inclusive and sustainable industrial development. We look forward to receiving an update</p>	<p>24 Recognize that innovations for ADD: [sustainable] infrastructure development and sustainable industrialization are integral for the structural transformation of economies in order to create decent jobs, promote productivity growth, enhance incomes, ADD: [safeguard the natural environment], and achieve sustainable development. We welcome the launch of the Accelerated Agriculture and Agro-industry Development Initiative PLUS (3ADI+) to re-energize the global partnership to achieve a sustainable and inclusive transition of agro-industry to eradicate poverty and food insecurity. We also welcome the Programme for Country Partnerships that mobilizes external partners and additional resources to accelerate the achievement of inclusive and sustainable industrial development. We look forward to</p>	

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on the progress of implementation of these two initiatives;	receiving an update on the progress of implementation of these two initiatives;	
25. Encourage continued support for adaptation to and mitigation of the effects of climate change and strengthening of disaster risk reduction and early warning systems in order to minimize the humanitarian consequences of natural disasters;	25. Encourage continued support for adaptation to and mitigation of the effects of climate change and strengthening ADD: [inclusive and accessible] of disaster risk reduction and early warning systems in order to minimize the humanitarian consequences of natural disasters, ADD: [ensuring that no one is left behind in humanitarian responses];	Particular groups, such as persons with disabilities, are at risk of being left out of humanitarian responses.
26. Stress the need for improved and coordinated collection, analysis, dissemination and use of statistics and data disaggregated by sex, age, disability, income and other characteristics relevant in national contexts. Additionally, we note the importance of data-driven decision making, innovation, and the need to build capacity for producing, analysing and using data to achieve the goals. In this regard, we welcome the adoption of the indicators that have been agreed by the Statistical Commission;	26. ADD: [Data should be understood as a mean to fight inequality. We] stress the need for improved and coordinated collection, analysis, dissemination and use of statistics and ADD: [reliable and timely] data disaggregated by sex, age, disability, income, ADD: [geographic location] and other ADD: [vulnerability factors and] characteristics relevant in national contexts. Additionally, we note the importance of data-driven decision making, innovation, and the need to build capacity for producing, analysing and using data, ADD: [including earth observation and geo-spatial information], to achieve the goals. In this regard, we welcome the adoption of the indicators that have been agreed by the Statistical Commission;	Data should be perceived as a tool to promote equality, not only to inform decision-making or to follow up on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Inclusion of reference on geographic location is in line with Para 74 (g) of the 2030 Agenda.

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<p>27. Highlight the importance of localizing and communicating the Sustainable Development Goals at all levels, from the national discussions to the community and grassroots level. In this vein, there can be no implementation where no awareness exists, and efforts should be made to reach out to all stakeholders, including local authorities, indigenous peoples, civil society, business, the private sector, the media, parliamentarians, and the scientific and academic community;</p>	<p>...In this vein, there can be no implementation where no awareness exists, and efforts should be made to reach out to all stakeholders, including local authorities, indigenous peoples, ADD; [persons with disabilities,] civil society, business, the private sector, the media, parliamentarians, ADD: [faith-based] and the scientific and academic community ADD: [as well as people living in poverty or under vulnerable situations].</p>	<p>We strongly support a paragraph on the need to increase communication and ‘localization’ of the SDGs. However, this paragraph does not make clear references to ‘people’. Considering the main theme of the 2017 HLPF, references to people living in poverty and under vulnerable situations must be included in the Ministerial Declaration.</p>
<p>28. Recognize the role of the United Nations system in supporting national measures for the achievement of the Agenda. In this regard, we note the importance of ensuring that the United Nations is fit for purpose, and encourage the UN development system to improve collaboration in delivering collective results for the realization of the 2030 Agenda. We take note of the Secretary-General’s proposals to address gaps, overlaps and build synergy, to improve the accountability, transparency, coordination and oversight of the system. We look forward to the Secretary-General’s further proposals at the end of the year;</p>		

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<p>29. Pledge to continued inclusive and effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda.</p>	<p>ADD: Para 29 bis. We reaffirm the role of the HLPF in supporting the participation in follow up and review processes by the major groups and other relevant stakeholders in line with Resolution 67/290. We request the President of ECOSOC to develop tools and processes to collect, publicize and analyze reports from these actors on their contribution to the implementation of the Agenda.</p>	<p>The draft Ministerial Declaration does not include any specific reference to the role of stakeholders, including civil society on the follow up and review processes. Recommendations proposed are aligned with Paras 84 and 89 of the 2030 Agenda.</p> <p>Paragraph 89 of the 2030 Agenda calls on major groups and other relevant stakeholders to report on their contribution to the implementation of the Agenda and this is still a missing piece of the global follow up and review architecture. The Ministerial Declaration should request the President of ECOSOC to lead a process to establish clear and meaningful mechanisms – beyond online platforms - to collect, publicize and analyze reports on the contribution of civil society and stakeholders to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at all levels.</p>

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- To strengthen partnerships between civil society and stakeholders to support the effective implementation of Agenda 2030 and the SDGs.
- To make the voices of people heard and have people holding governments accountable for the progress towards achieving Agenda 2030 and the SDGs at all levels.