

Together 2030 Intervention - Intergovernmental Negotiations of the HLPF Ministerial Declaration

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Together 2030 thanks for the opportunity of addressing the negotiations of the Ministerial Declaration of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development and the ECOSOC High Level Segment.

We would like to highlight some key comments to the revised draft:

Together 2030 Key Comments:

1. We welcome and support the stronger language on realizing the full 2030 Agenda and the inclusion of references to the **three pillars of sustainable development**. We also welcome the included commitment to **reaching the furthest behind first** and, as the Representative from G77 expressed, the need to take into account the **multiple dimensions of poverty**. (Paragraphs 1 and 2)
2. We want to recognize the inclusion of **references to people, human rights** (as emphasized by the Representative of Liechtenstein) and the recognition that the most vulnerable must be empowered. We would recommend that you add a reference to women on paragraph 2.
3. We also appreciate that the revised version addresses all the SDGs under review in **separate paragraphs**, maintaining a balanced approach to all of them.
4. The current version is also more balanced in terms of the approach to the environmental pillar (including on paragraph 3). We strongly welcome paragraph 24 and the reinforced commitment to the Paris Agreement.
5. We would recommend the inclusion of a reference to **'preventing all forms of violence'** on paragraph 3 in order to fully align it with SDG 16.
6. On paragraph 21 we would strongly propose the inclusion of a reference to the importance of the involvement of **'all stakeholders'** in the VNR process.
7. We also appreciate the reference to the contributions from major groups and other stakeholders to the HLPF (para 22). We would recommend that VNR reports recognize these contributions to SDG implementation as per paragraph 89 of the 2030 Agenda and call for increased reporting and space for their dissemination and discussion.
8. On paragraph 25, we would propose recognizing the need to build capacity to produce, analyse and use, not only various **forms** but also **various sources of data**.
9. Finally, as representatives of G77, CANZ and USA pointed out, the principle of **universality** is not mentioned in the current draft. Therefore, we called Ministers to reinforce this aspect of the Agenda in the HLPF Ministerial Declaration.

Thank you.