

Together 2030 Intervention - Intergovernmental Negotiations of the HLPF Ministerial Declaration

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Together 2030 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 appreciate the opportunity of presenting our key, collective comments to the zero draft. A [full reaction](#), including concrete language recommendations has been shared with Member States ahead of this session and we are grateful to all those that have considered our inputs.

Together 2030 Key Comments:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. **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 to in one paragraph (OP 11). Member States should consider a more coherent approach by flagging all goals under review in separate paragraphs.
4. 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.
5. 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 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.
6. References to people, groups and populations needs strengthening in the text. After all, **this is an Agenda OF the people, BY the people, and FOR the people.**