

LGBTI Stakeholder Group Statement
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Good morning,

I am speaking on behalf of the LGBTI Stakeholder Group.

It is of the utmost importance that no one is left behind in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including people of diverse sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, and sex characteristics. We applaud the commitment in the Zero Draft to leave no one behind by focusing on the most vulnerable. This matters to the millions whose lives and livelihoods are at stake.

To this end, we support the implementation of the SDGs through a human rights-based approach. We call for the maintenance of the 2022 HLPF political declaration agreed language in paragraph 133, on the need to protect and fulfill human rights and achieve gender equality through inclusion and respect for diversity.

We urge the addition of agreed language on gender-disaggregated data from the SDG indicator 17.18 to paragraph 36(L), as it is more inclusive than what is in the Zero Draft. We also call for the usage of the agreed listing in Resolution A/Res/76/176 paragraph 7, which is more comprehensive than the one we see in the zero draft paragraph 35.

Additionally, we would like to see a commitment to tackle gender-based violence, which was amplified during COVID-19.

This language matters. Accelerating the recovery from COVID-19 and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda requires making increased efforts that no one is left behind. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex populations must know they are fully involved in SDG implementation to guarantee this happens.

Thank you.