

Beyond 2015 Statement
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Your Excellency, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen.

Let me join the others in expressing our gratitude to the co-facilitators for creating this formal dialogue space with civil society and people's representatives.

Beyond 2015 would like to present the following comments and proposals:

- **On “Leaving no one behind”** - We were glad to see that several Member States have called for the post-2015 to express a clear commitment that **no target should be considered met unless it is met for all social and economic groups, especially the most vulnerable and marginalized**. We expect to live in a post-2015 world where **no one is left behind** by virtue of their gender, age, disability, income, geography, ethnicity or others. We recommend that this message is clearly reflected in all elements of the post-2015 agenda, including the **Declaration** and **as a principle to the follow up and monitoring** mechanisms.

To **leave no one behind**, the post-2015 agenda **must also address inequities and inequalities in fundamental power structures**. It must measure and address economic inequality between the richest and poorest, and reduce the extreme differences between the top and bottom quintiles of populations, both **within and between countries**. Clear means of implementation to address inequalities within countries will be crucial for the success of the post-2015 agenda.

- **On the “Planet Pillar”** – From the discussions we have followed this session, we would like to call upon Member States to preserve the efforts for an integrated approach balanced post-2015 agenda that is people centred and also planet sensitive. Specific commitments to curb the impacts of environmental degradation, climate change and unsustainable patterns of consumption and production on increasing inequities and inequalities must be acknowledged and clearly addressed in the post-2015 Declaration as well as on the means of implementation. The UN should also agree on means to meet **the needs of the world's poorest** who under-consume and are denied their fair share of the world's resources, as well as to **tackle overconsumption in many countries**.
- **On civil society participation** – We were inspired to see that Member States from several regions and groups reaffirmed that the **participation of people**, CSOs and social movements must be guaranteed in ALL phases of the process leading up to and following the post-2015 Summit in September 2015, especially voices from the Global South.

We would like therefore to propose that **people's participation be considered as a strategic means of implementation** of the post-2015 agenda. Not only should the agenda reinforce the participatory principle and an enabling environment for civil society engagement, it should also

consider the capacities of peoples and communities as crucial means for the implementation of this new global development agenda.

Thank you.