

# WMG Response to Zero Draft

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# Chapeau

Recommendations

# The Chapeau Should:

1. Recognize that **gender equality, the human rights of women and girls, and their effective and meaningful participation are core to the SDGs** and must be guaranteed *including through the repeal of discriminatory laws and the removal of formal barriers*

# The Chapeau Should:

2. Refer specifically to **CEDAW, Beijing Platform for Action, ICPD and their subsequent reviews amongst other international agreements** referring to human rights, social, economic and environmental matters



# The Chapeau Should:

2. Recognize the need to **redistribute** not only **wealth** but also **power** and **resources**

# The Chapeau Should:

4. Address **current imbalances** in the international trade and financial architectures and which pose structural constraints on the **right to development**

# The Chapeau Should:

3. Recognize the crucial importance of **addressing climate change** for poverty eradication

# The Chapeau Should:

3. More comprehensively address **CBDR**

Goal 5: Achieve ~~Attain~~ gender  
equality, the full realization of  
women and girls human rights and  
empowerment of all women and  
girls ~~everywhere~~

# We Welcome

- Proposed language on **gender equality and women's empowerment**, *which is in line with various agreements on the human rights of women and girls.*
- **Inclusion of girls** in the wording of the goal and relevant targets
- Inclusion of a target to eliminate harmful practices such as **child, early and forced marriage** and **female genital mutilation**.

# There is a Need For:

- Addressing Women's Human Rights
- Time-Bound targets
- Ensure gender is robustly addressed across the entire framework – including in MOI
- Keeping targets 1-3 separate
- An additional target calling for ensuring access to information and justice for all women and girls.



# Target 5.6 – Unpaid Care Work

- Imperative to maintain this target
- By 2030 reduce and redistribute the burden of unpaid domestic and care ~~and domestic~~ work through shared responsibility by states, private sector, communities, and men and women.

# Target 5.8 – Decision-Making

- By 2020 ensure full, equal and effective participation and leadership of women and girls at all levels of decision-making in the public and private spheres, including in conflict prevention, mediation and resolution.

## Target 5.9 – SRHR

- By 2030 ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and ~~reproductive~~ rights free from stigma, violence, coercion and discrimination for all women and girls of all ages ~~in accordance with the Programme of Action of the ICPD~~

# Goal 1 & 2: Ending Poverty & Hunger

# Ending Poverty

- Measure of \$1.25
- Need to address multi-dimensional causes
- Living wages – 60% of national wage income
- Role of Climate Change

# Ending Hunger

- Cannot wait another 15 years
- Need to focus on **securing land rights** for men and women
- Volatility of food prices
- Control over traditional seeds and genetic resources

**Goal 3: Attain healthy  
life for all at all ages**



## Target 3.8

- By 2030 ensure universal access to high-quality, comprehensive, equitable and integrated sexual and reproductive health services, information and education, and respect, protect and fulfill all human rights in this regard, with a particular focus on adolescents and young people

# Target 3.8 - Why focus on young people?

- adolescents aged 15-19 are twice as likely to die during pregnancy or child birth as those over age 20;
- girls under age 15 are five times more likely to die,
- adolescents account for an estimated 2.5 million (14%) of the approximately 19 million unsafe abortions that occur annually in the developing world.
- In Sub-Saharan Africa, adolescents account for 25% of the total unsafe abortions and young people aged 15–24 accounted for 42% of new HIV infections in people aged 15 and older.

**Goal 4: Provide equitable and  
inclusive quality education and  
life-long learning opportunities for  
all**

# Furthering Education

- Appreciate life-long learning
- Need for safe schools – Nigeria, US
- Austerity measures
- Needs to include comprehensive sexuality education, including education on human rights, gender-equality, non-discrimination, conflict resolution, climate change as well as on sustainable development.

Goal 6: ~~Secure~~ Ensure the human  
right to water and sanitation for all  
for a sustainable world

# There is a Need to Address:

- **Right** to water and sanitation in target 1;
- **Menstrual hygiene** in target 2;
- **Protection of water sources from pollution** and to the **hierarchy of water use**, with priority for people's needs over industry and agriculture in 4 and 6.



Goal 8: Ensure decent work for all  
~~Promote strong,~~ and inclusive and  
sustainable economic ~~growth~~  
development



# Goal 8

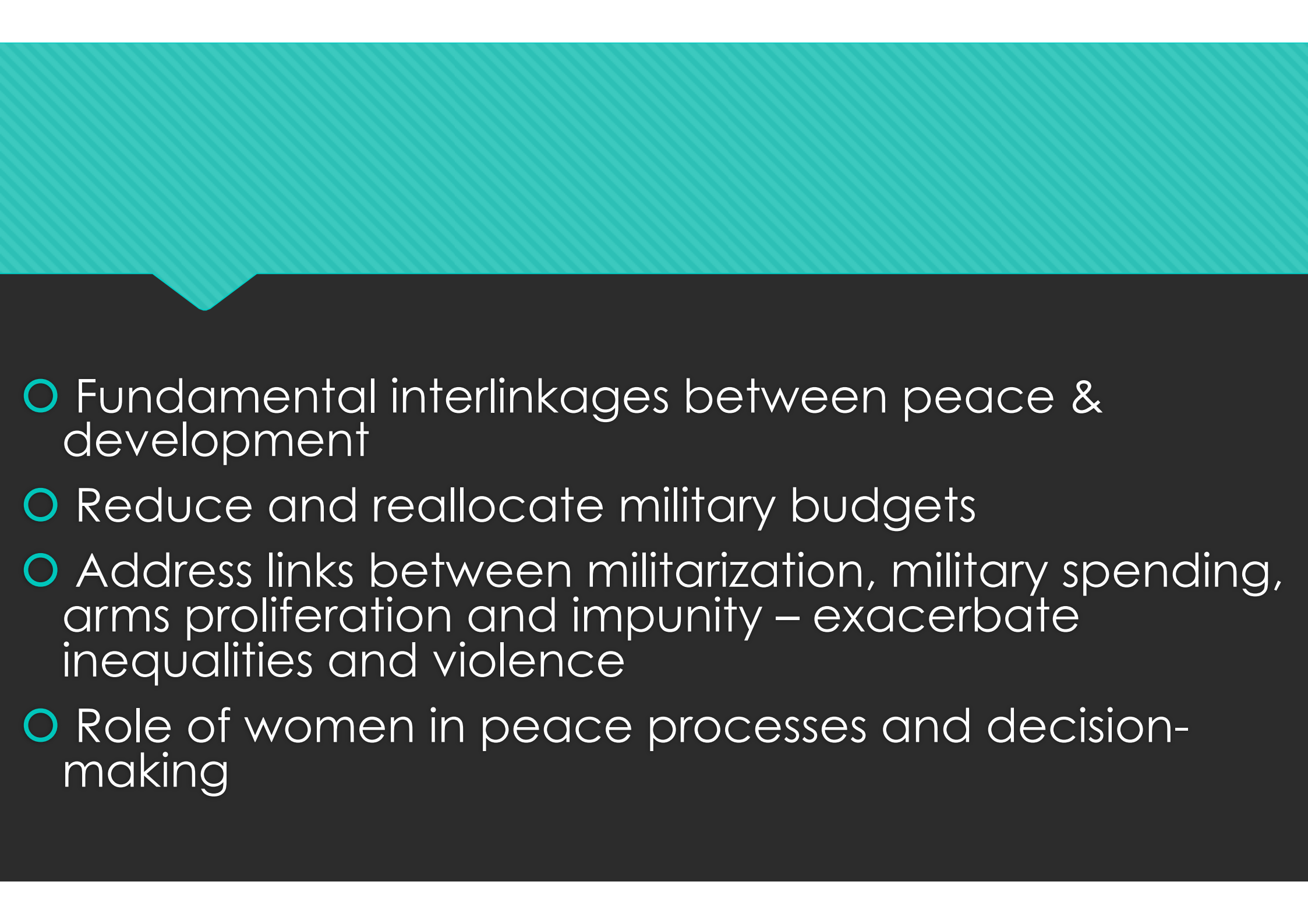
- Focus this goal on the right to “**decent work**”, as the “economy” is only a means to the end.
- It should include language on **redistribution**, *i.e. fiscal and monetary policies which are strong in reducing income inequalities, not in creating more millionaires.*
- It needs a new target on ensuring a ‘**living wage**’ *particularly for women, domestic, and migrant workers.*

Goal 13: ~~Promote actions at all levels to~~ Enact strongest address measures for climate change protection at all levels

# Addressing Climate Change

- Any action to adapt, mitigate or address loss and damage must be undertaken **via gender-responsive, socially just and environmentally sound** actions that take into account **equity between countries, generations and genders.**

**Goal 16:** Achieve peaceful and inclusive societies, rule of law, ~~effective~~ responsive and capable institutions and just governance

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- Fundamental interlinkages between peace & development
  - Reduce and reallocate military budgets
  - Address links between militarization, military spending, arms proliferation and impunity – exacerbate inequalities and violence
  - Role of women in peace processes and decision-making

# Goal 17: Means of Implementation



# Financing

- Illicit Financial Flows
- Fiscal policies/ GRB
- **Reallocate military budgets**
- Reform Tax, Debt, Trade and Finance architectures
- Progressive Taxation, Tax Evasion, Tax Havens
- PPP – profits prior to people
- Socially & environmentally fair Tech Transfer





To address the full range of structural barriers to gender equality, it is absolutely essential to include **transformative and measurable gender equality targets in each proposed goal.**

Further elaboration on  
each of the 17 goals  
will be shared