

## Statement on 'all social and economic groups' – 28 July 2015

- Globally, civil society is **delighted that *Leave No One Behind* is recognised as the rallying cry of the Post 2015 development agenda**. We see it as representing a transformative shift in terms of how we view and do development.
- But we're also conscious that the **success of the Post 2015 agenda will be judged not on what is declared in 2015 but what is delivered by 2030**.
- We are therefore deeply concerned that the revised final **Zero Draft has removed all references to 'all social and economic groups'** which we note was not called for by any Member State or bloc at last week's negotiation.
- The Post-2015 pledge to leave no one behind will be an **empty promise without an explicit focus to meet all targets**, disaggregate data and monitor progress for all social and economic groups.
- As you know, over 3,200 NGOs, South and North, community-based and international, have registered their support for all goals and targets being met by all social and economic groups.
- To ensure that this is reflected in the Zero Draft and that we genuinely leave no one behind, **civil society calls for you to include the three following critical amends;**

**\*\*\* Para. 4: Reintroduce the reference to 'social and economic groups'** from previous draft in place of 'people', and strengthen the commitment from 'wish' to 'strive', so that the second sentence reads – 'we will **strive** to see the goals and targets met for all nations and **for all social and economic groups**'.

*We note that this language amend has been requested by Japan, Canada, UK the EU, Colombia, Chile, Costa Rica and Peru and urge you to action this.*

**\*\*\* Para. 50:** We also propose the **addition of 'all social and economic groups'** in place of 'to ensure that we leave no one behind' in Para 50, so that that sentence 2 reads, 'Quality, timely and reliable disaggregated data will be needed to help with the measurement of **progress for all social and economic groups**'.

*We note that this language amend has been requested by the EU, Colombia, Chile, Costa Rica and Peru and urge you to action this.*

**\*\*\* Para. 78:** Lastly, we see the HLPF as representing a critical forum for ensuring that we celebrate success and address challenges in leaving no one behind. We propose the addition of some minor language, consistent with the Zero Draft, in Para 78. After 'new and emerging issues' we **request the addition of a new sentence; 'it should also focus on progress for the social and economic groups that are the furthest behind'**.

*We note this language amend has been requested by Colombia, Chile, Costa Rica and Peru and urge you to action this.*

Thank you Co-facilitators