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Stakeholder Briefing on the 'Potential elements of draft resolution on follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda at the Global Level'

United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth Intervention

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Thank you co chairs for giving us the floor to speak.

We are delivering the position of the UN Major Group for Children and Youth on the critical element of the 2030 Agenda.

We have been engaged in the Sustainable Development processes since the adoption of Agenda 21, and been at every meeting of the Rio+20, OWG, and Post 2015 processes. Our comments are based on our positions through these processes.

For the section on themes-

To answer the question on goal 17- yes, the HLPF should undertake an annual review of goal 17. As mentioned in the respective resolutions, this should be integrated with the annual FfD Follow Up Forum. This should also be extended to the goal specific MOI targets for all the SDGs.

Such a review should be a recurring item in the work plan of the HLPF and the FfD follow up Forum, including the IATF report on the implementation of the AAAA and the SG progress report on SDGs

On National Reviews-

The current suggested number of two national reviews at the HLPF should be expanded 4 full reviews and 3 exclusive review focusing on cohesion and interlinkages of the different goals and the three dimensions of sustainable development.

In addition, the standard formats and guidelines referenced in the elements paper in the context of national reviews and the SG' report should explicitly include Governments reporting on processes and mechanisms they have put in place to ensure MGoS participation in their respective reviews at the national level.

On Participation

Regarding the reference to the innovative approaches should not focus on developing countries, but all interested parties not present in NYC.

Coherence-

All references to the need for coherence of sustainable development policies across the UN system should also make reference to the phrase- "Sustainable Development Policies in all their dimensions- social, environmental and economic"

This section could stress the need to achieve coherence with non UN international processes with a similar thematic focus so as to avoid competition and overlap, while maintaining UN ownership over all elements of the 2030 Agenda.

Facilitating input into the HLPF

The list of inputs should be expanded beyond the STI and FfD Forums and should be expanded to include SFDRR- Outcome of the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction, the ECOSOC Youth Forum, and other relevant sustainable development frameworks and processes like the World Health Assembly, and the currently ongoing Habitat III process

Role of the secretariat

A secretariat that is strong, well resourced, and well versed in stakeholder engagement is a the foundation of a robust process. In this regard we support efforts to strengthen DSD and enhance its budgetary support and allocation

Way Forward

In principle, the assessment of modalities in order to enhance them, is a great practice. We do want to underscore the importance of the principle of no regression in this context. Such a practice should not be used to regress on what has already been inter governmentally agreed in GA Res 67/290. This is the basic floor from where we need to build enhancements.

In addition, the SG's report should instead also focus on current status of the full and meaningful implementation of the modalities and how they can be enhanced. Needless to say that such a process should include MGoS in all deliberations.

We thank you for the opportunity and hope to continue engaging in all avenues of the process going forward.