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I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of the Southern Africa Region namely; Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, South Africa, Zambia and my own Country Zimbabwe.

I wish to align this statement with the statements made by the Ambassadors of (Bolivia on behalf of G77 and China) as well as (Lesotho) on behalf of the Africa group.

Co-Chairs let me acknowledge the considerable progress by our Committee under your able leadership. The current working document now has 16 focus areas from previous 19. This is commendable however more work still needs to be done to further reduce the focus areas.

In the mean time we have specific comments in the following areas:

5. FOCUA AREA 5: GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S

EMPOWERMENT

GOAL: TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS;

"Achieve gender equality and women's empowerment in all sectors".

TARGETS:

Amend as follows;

(a) *By 2030 end all forms of discrimination against **girls** and women of all ages.*

(b) *and (c) ok as is*

(d) *By 2030 ensure equal employment opportunities for women and equal pay for **work_of_equal_value**.*

(e) *By 2030 ensure **women's** equal access to, and control of, assets and resources, including natural resources management.*

Targets f, g and h ok as is.

(i) *By 2030 ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health.*

Target (j) ok as is.

6. **FOCUS AREA 6: WATER AND SANITATION**

GOAL: WATER AND SANITATION FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD

Comment: goal formulation is acceptable

TARGETS:

(a) Target is ok as is

(b) Target acceptable and we are open to suggestion on % increase in recycled water

Target c, d, e, f, g, h, acceptable as is

Propose to add target

(i) ***Increase provision of water for productive sectors especially agriculture and industry by 2030***