



MAJOR GROUPS & OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

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My name is Ophelia Kemigisha, I am one of the organising partners of the LGBTI Stakeholder Group, and I am delivering this statement on behalf of the Major Groups and other Stakeholders—a coalition of 21 diverse constituencies representing the voices and expertise of civil society from all regions of the world.

We congratulate the co-facilitators on this concise and action-oriented text and thank you for the continuous dialogue that you have initiated with civil society.

In the opening section, we welcome the focus on eradication of poverty and call for further strengthening of this theme throughout the text

We highlight the emphasis on leaving no one behind and request the addition of language on actions that countries can take to demonstrate the commitment including the collection of disaggregated data to allow for clear measurement of the needs of those communities which are at most risk of being left behind.

While we welcome the references to the digital divide in paragraph 4, we call for member states to carefully consider the ongoing and potential harm caused to the environment by the scaling of these technologies and reiterate that the preservation of our home and the responsible use of resources like water and energy should remain a top priority of governments.

We welcome paragraph 17 and call for the specific mention of the Major Groups and other Stakeholders.

We suggest an alignment with the language from the recent political declaration coming out of CSW on the importance of “comprehensive and targeted measures to address the root causes and challenges of poverty in all its forms and dimensions as well as structural inequalities, including economic inequality, racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, stigmatization and gender stereotypes, discriminatory laws, policies and negative social norms, unequal power relations, the unequal distribution of unpaid care and domestic work and all forms of violence affecting women and girls;”

SDG 3:

Para 23: include a reference to health education and lifelong learning.

We also propose a paragraph committing to the building of build resilient, inclusive health systems throughout the life course by investing in a sustainable, fairly paid, and well-trained workforce.

We also propose a paragraph on the importance of community-based preventive care models especially for ageing populations, people living with HIV/AIDS, and other marginalized groups.

We welcome the references to mental health including in the online environment in paragraph 27.

We also agree with delegations calling for the inclusion of language on sexual and reproductive health and rights.

We call for language calling for the elimination of harmful practices within the realm of health including female genital mutilation and cutting, nonconsensual surgeries on intersex infants, conversion practices, racial disparities, and eliminating all forms of discrimination and exclusion in health systems.

SDG 8:

We demand universal social protection, inclusive of youth, older persons, migrants, persons with disability, unemployed and informal workers and beyond.

SDG 14

We urge governments to support the UN treaty on plastic pollution, invest in citizen science, and strengthen marine monitoring and global cooperation. We also call for a reference to the linkage between ongoing conflicts and military activities and polluting ecosystems

SDG 17:

We are concerned about the continuous cuts to development spending which threaten the survival of civil society organizations working on human rights and gender justice, as well as securing better health outcomes for the most marginalized. We reiterate our calls for long-term, accessible funding for feminist, youth-led, LGBTI, disability, human rights, and grassroots groups.

We thank you for the opportunity to engage and will share written inputs ahead of tomorrow's deadline.

Thank you.