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1-minute contribution by Rilli Lappalainen, Secretary General, Finnish NGDO Platform to the EU, Kehys, as part of Finland's NVR

Thank you, Minister Tiilikainen,

firstable, I would like to thank you about the highly participatory way Finland has taken the CSOs to the process. Civil society has roles to play in implementation, monitoring and holding the governments accountable to its citizens. Therefore we like to address some remarks:

First of all the report does not mention anything about the level of ODA, which is an issue of high importance when it comes to Finland's global responsibility in implementing the SDGs. It is necessary, that Finland takes into account the SDG -commitments while doing budgetary decisions regarding for example development aid, gender equality and education.

Secondly, the report recognizes well the whole of governance approach and the utmost important role of political coherence. Finland's goal should be, that sustainable development is in every citizens and all actors DNA.