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[Indledende bemærkninger]

- Excellences, Mm/Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen
- It is a pleasure to participate in this important dialogue regarding the follow up on the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Not least, I am proud that Denmark will present our first Voluntary National Review to the HLPF this year.
- The voluntary national reviews are crucial for maintaining momentum in the global follow-up on the 2030 Agenda. It is encouraging to see that so many countries participate in the reviews this year.
- We encourage the remaining Member States to consider participating in the coming years.

[Danske prioriteter]

- The Danish Government published an Action Plan for Denmark's follow up on the Sustainable Development Goals in March this year.
- The Action Plan covers both the national and international follow up, and all 17 Sustainable Development Goals – hereby acknowledging the universality and interdependence of the Goals.
- Denmark commends the UN Secretary General for his report regarding progress towards the SDGs.
- As the report clearly indicates, the world needs to step up its efforts. We all need to demonstrate bold action and clear results in realizing the SDGs. Sooner rather than later. Let me highlight just a few critical issues.
- The implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement on climate change are key to accelerate the economic and societal transformation that is needed to preserve our common future and the future of our planet.

- Despite new geopolitical challenges, countries must remain committed to the Paris Agreement. The transition to climate resilient low-emission societies is irreversible.
- Denmark will continue to support our partners in developing countries and remains determined to maintaining global leadership of the Paris Agreement.
- Denmark believes that SDG5 on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls is vital for our global work in this field and also crucial for reaching any other of the SDGs. Results require that we focus on the obstacles at global and national level.
- Denmark will continue to promote women's and girl's right to decide over their own bodies and own sexuality since these are fundamental human rights. We work for combatting early and forced marriage and the practice of female genital mutilation.
- And we work for dissemination of information about women's and girl's sexual and reproductive rights, access to contraception, legal and safe abortion and other relevant services – including in humanitarian settings. We also work for economic and political empowerment of women.
- Denmark's engagement for the rights of women and girls and for gender equality is strong and it is part of our DNA. It is at the top of our agenda in Denmark's candidacy for the UN Human Rights Council in 2019 to 2021. In short, we commit ourselves to work for a world, where men and women enjoy the same rights and opportunities.
- The SDGs form the platform for Danish development cooperation and humanitarian action. Through partnerships with developing countries and other stakeholders, we will work to realize the SDGs on the ground. We apply a human rights-based approach to development cooperation, encompassing all human rights.
- With this approach we seek to address the multiple discriminations faced by vulnerable people and marginalized groups, and thus ensure that no one is left behind. We believe that human rights are universal and must be enjoyed without discrimination.
- Thank you.