Stakeholders' Statement on THEME 4: Global Indicators under Goal 5-- Achieve Women Equality and Women Empowerment for All

Thank you, Chair. I will speak on issues relating to Gender Equality, particularly goal 5, but of course related to all goals, targets and indicators for e.g on target 6.1 must include the time use of women collecting water.

Starting with your discussions this morning:

We support the suggested reformation of 5.a proposed by UN Women and supported by many colleagues this morning but suggest that this extend beyond agricultural land to land, property and inheritance to ensure inclusion of all women including Indigenous women and other land holders.

While we hear the desire for governments to limit indicators we stress the need for monitoring women’s role and leadership in decision making at local level. If the indicators are merged they must not merge the data.

5.1.1, we welcome Denmark’s proposal to add elements of enforcement and monitoring.

We support the indicators on 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 by UN-Women, and other UN agencies, and their expansion to include women of all ages. We also support IOM’s proposal to add an indicator on human trafficking; however, it is important that human trafficking is not equated with or conflated with sex work.

We recommend amending 5.3.1 and 5.3.2 to capture girls under 15.

Indicator 5.4.1, its’ important to keep the indicator but clearly disaggregate data per type of work (childcare, aged people and housework).

Target 5.6.1 should measure the exercise of sexual and reproductive health and rights for all ages rather than limit it in age. 5.6.2 to guarantee all women and adolescents universal access to comprehensive services. We propose an indicator on grievance redressal mechanisms.

5.b.1, we support proposals by some member states to include access to and usage of internet and other technologies. We also support adding the indicator, “proportion of individuals in ICT profession, by skills, sex, ethnicity, and age.”

5.c.1, we support proposal by Brazil to change the indicator to "Expenditure on gender equality policies as a percentage of total government expenditures." we propose these indicators: "5.c.2 Existence of gender-responsive budgetary resources across the public sector, “5.c.3 Number of institutional mechanisms present that allow for resources and meaningful participation of women’s and feminist organizations in policy and legislation-making.”

Thank you.