

MGoS COORDINATION MECHANISM



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GENERAL STATEMENT FROM MAJOR GROUPS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS COORDINATION MECHANISM

Your excellencies,

The Major Groups and Other Stakeholders (MGOS) express dismay and deep disappointment with the breaking of the silence procedure related to the 2021 HLPF Ministerial Declaration.

We continue to be deeply concerned that the draft Ministerial Declaration falls short of providing the actionable outcomes that are urgently required to establish an effective pathway to meet the aspirations of the 2030 Agenda. However, though not fully supportive of all aspects of the content and language, we were prepared to support adoption of the Ministerial Declaration this year after the failure to adopt one last year. We are very surprised that in some cases the agreed language has been ignored and in other cases basic principles have been called into question. We very much regret that Member States have failed to reach consensus, even after many hours of negotiation and several revisions of the first draft.

We urge that every effort be made to reach consensus on the agreed language to avoid questions about the value of the HLPF, particularly at a time when we need greater commitment to collaborate more effectively to reach the SDGs, especially in light of the impact of COVID-19. Stakeholders around the world are looking for empathy, vision, leadership and solidarity during these very difficult times.

We believe multilateralism is on the line and HLPF cannot fall short for the second time.

*Representatives of the Major Groups and Other Stakeholders
Coordination Mechanism*