

UK statement for ECOSOC-HLPF review informal 7 March 2024

Thank you co-facilitators,

We appreciate the elements paper, which reflects many of our views.

Overall, we welcome the proposals to take further steps to integrate a gender-perspective into HLPF and work across the ECOSOC cycle. We also welcome the proposals to enhance engagement of civil society organisations, parliamentarians, and the private sector in ECOSOC meetings.

We would like to see a *stronger focus* on civil society engagement in *VNR processes*.

On the ECOSOC review,

We welcome the references to improve cooperation and complementarity across the peace, humanitarian and development triple nexus.

We support the focus on enhancing alignment between the intergovernmental processes in Geneva and New York, to ensure that commitments in the humanitarian sphere are not only *reflected* in the work of ECOSOC and the HLPF, but also *considered*.

We also welcome the proposal to include the issue of internal displacement on the ECOSOC agenda.

An area which we think could be further strengthened is to reaffirm ECOSOC's role as the main governing body of the UN Resident Coordinator system.

On the HLPF review,

We welcome reference to conducting thematic reviews focused on the intersectional and multidimensional aspects of poverty; to increasing attention to the systemic barriers to achieving the SDGs and leaving no one behind; and to addressing the unique challenges of vulnerable and marginalized groups.

We suggest also including reference to "high humanitarian need groups", alongside these groups.

We look forward to continuing to discuss how we strengthen ECOSOC and HLPF with all of you.

Thank you