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Statements on behalf of the EU

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Thank you, Mme. Moderator,

On behalf of the European Union and its Member States, I would like to thank the panelists for this valuable discussion.

Gender equality is a standalone goal under the Agenda 2030 and it is also essential to the achievement of all 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Simply put, we will never attain the SDGs without achieving gender equality.

This requires a dual approach, through specific actions and gender mainstreaming in all our policies. This is the link between the Sustainable Development Goals and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. They are interwoven. Gender-targets are included in all Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG 1 on ending poverty, SDG 5 on gender equality and SDG 8 on decent work, but the gender perspective should also be taken into account in all the other goals in order to ensure that nobody is left behind.

We need to continue to apply a gender lens on our macro-economic and other policies and ensure gender-transformative economic, ecologic and social systems, with specific actions to enhance empowerment of all women and girls. This is the main priority for the EU. Gender equality functions as an amplifier to reach sustainable development.

The EU's initiatives are increasingly informed by gender analyses and sex-, and age- when relevant - disaggregated data. Applying a gender lens to all aspects of our policies and programmes, from their identification and financing to their implementation and monitoring, supporting and associating women's rights organizations, will ensure the development of gender-transformative societies.

Together we need to keep up protecting and reinforcing the legacy of the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action in the EU and elsewhere. It will not only benefit all women and girls, but the whole communities.

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