UK Statement

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Thank you for this zero draft text, co-facilitators, which we also think provides a solid basis for further discussion.

It is in our collective interest to make the UN system impactful, efficient and effective to support delivery of the SDGs, and to advance discussion across the three pillars of sustainable development to implement the 2030 Agenda and ensure no one is left behind. We believe ECOSOC and HLPF play vital roles in this endeavour.

We therefore welcome the focus of the review, including strengthening efforts to mainstream gender across ECOSOC's agenda.

It is also important to strengthen ECOSOC's focus on the humanitarian agenda given its direct relevance to the SDGs. As we know, the Humanitarian Affairs Segment has been an essential platform for discussing activities, coordination and effectiveness of UN humanitarian assistance.

As already noted by the co-facilitators, to accelerate progress on the SDGs, we need to leverage synergies between Goals, and take action on evidence-based policies which accelerate progress across multiple Goals - for example, maximising co-benefits between tackling climate change, biodiversity loss and eradicating poverty.

So we want HLPF to focus more on these interlinkages and synergies, and further highlight SDG success stories. This review also comes at an opportune moment to look at how we can include stronger focus on follow-up to major development Summits last year and this year, especially through the annual HLPF.

Finally, civil society play a critical role in delivering the SDGs, protecting and promoting human rights, tackling climate change and conflict, and holding those in power to account, including those of us in this room. This review should include a focus on how we can strengthen the role of civil society organisations within ECOSOC and HLPF, so they have full and meaningful participation.

We appreciate the efforts from the co-facilitators on the zero draft, and we are ready to engage in discussion on this text.

Thank you.