

Thank you Co-chair

My name is Maria Bordallo. I represent the International Planned Parenthood Federation, Western Hemisphere Region, and I am speaking on behalf of the WWG on FFD and the broader CSO group working on FFD

We have suggestions for par 6 and par 8.

We partly welcome wording in para 6 and every other encompassing reference to ensure women's equal rights and their empowerment. However, we do not support the commodification of women as agents to improve profitability and competitiveness of business (as suggested in para 42). Women are subjects of human rights, which requires enabling conditions to ensure all their human rights are fulfilled and guaranteed.

Furthermore, there is no mention of dedicated resources for gender equality and women's empowerment as stated in both the Monterrey Consensus and Doha Declaration, so the language here is regressive.

We suggest that the para reads as it follows

"We reaffirm that gender equality and women's **human rights and empowerment are essential to achieve equitable and inclusive sustainable development. We reiterate that gender equality is a basic human right, a fundamental value and an issue of social justice; it is essential for poverty eradication, environmental sustainability and development effectiveness¹. We commit to respect, protect and fulfil women's human rights and to fulfil our commitments to gender mainstreaming into the formulation and implementation of development policies, including financing for development policies at all levels and in all sectors and we agree to implement policies to ensure women's full access to and control over economic resources. We commit to dedicated resources and to ensure all national and sectoral plans and policies to achieve gender equality, the empowerment of women and that the realization of women's and all**

¹ Doha Declaration quote.

people's human rights, are fully costed and adequately resourced to ensure the effective implementation."

We have 2 comments on Para. 8:

Fourth sentence: "After the specific challenges facing the middle-income countries we would like to include for which funding, including ODA, should be made available based on their actual needs and Structural Gaps and not based on an income per capita classification.

Last sentence: "...We would like to see the inclusion of the **International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action**, along with the other Programmes of Action, mentioned in the last sentence.

Thank you

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