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FfD Mechanism Intervention delivered on modalities**

Thank you co-facilitator

I am Emilia Reyes, speaking on behalf of Equidad de Género: Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia, and the CSO FfD Coordination Mechanism.

In the follow up of the 4th International Conference on FfD, the process is as vital as the outcome. Civil Society appreciates the willingness and disposition of co-chairs, co-facilitators and Bureau to consider our request to promote transparency, full and meaningful participation and accountability throughout the process in the lead up to Sevilla. This reflects the true spirit of the FfD Agenda of democratizing the global economic and financial architecture, reaffirming the role of the United Nations, alongside its principles of universality and inclusion. The modalities of the immediate process for the weeks to come will ensure a proper larger follow up of the FfD Agenda, aligned with the democratic and inclusive character of the UN.

As we close the discussions of the 3rd PrepCom of the 4th International Conference on FfD, Civil society would like to have clarity in the next elements moving forward:

1. That the modalities of participation of observers for the next stage of negotiations be in line with past FfD modalities, as they were upheld in Monterrey, Doha and Addis Ababa. Civil society were the first ones in calling for an FfD Conference, prioritizing a Member-State led process. We are convinced Member States should have deep conversations of the most contentious elements in the final stages of the negotiations in the modality that allows best for reaching agreements. However, we also believe that most of these conversations, and especially in the early stages, should keep a spirit of transparency, accountability and civic engagement, with the presence of observers in the room.
2. That in future iteration of the outcome of negotiations, a compilation text be presented by the co-facilitators with the attribution of the diversity of inputs in the room. This is really the only way to stay true to a Member State-driven process that reflects the exceptional spirit of the FfD Agenda, overcoming entrenched power dynamics or business as usual.
3. That civil society is indeed considered as a stakeholder in this process, with full access to the necessary documentation and information across the process, upholding the highest standards in the FfD modalities.

Finally, we want to remind Member States that as FfD aims to deliver for the larger global challenges of our times, in Sevilla, as in prior Conferences, additional ways to encourage the participation of observers should be considered. The inclusion of civil society representatives in national official delegations, can be undertaken again, as in past practices. In Addis we even saw champion States providing their seats for youth, women and other communities to share their views on key issues that impact their wellbeing and that of the planet.

As usual, we remain committed to a constructive and active engagement in the process, and we have full trust that you all, Member States, honor the road to Sevilla not as a mere path to a destination, but towards a larger legacy of FfD Conferences that will continue to deliver in the years to come for people and the health of the planet.