

The National Alliance of Women's Organisations

London, 31st May 2016

To: **Rt Hon Justine Greening MP Secretary of State for International Development**

Re.: Open Letter to Co-Facilitators for the Informal Consultations on the Follow up and Review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO) is an umbrella organisation for all those organisations in the UK working for the human rights of women and girls. We write to you on behalf of all the women organisations who are part of NAWO as we would like to draw your attention to the enclosed Open Letter which articulates three areas of concerns regarding the latest text prepared by the 2030 Agenda Co-facilitators on May 6th and 8th:

- 1. Mutual Accountability to ensure the success of the 2030 Agenda, Governments will have to engage different constituency and stakeholders right from the beginning and throughout of the review process and keep the process open, accessible and transparent.
- 2. Commitment to "leave no one behind" in line with the key principle of the 2030 Agenda to "leave no one behind", we call for the follow-up and review processes at all levels to be "open, inclusive, participatory and transparent for all people" and for it to "support reporting by all relevant stakeholders" (2030 Agenda, para 74).
- 3. Commitment from Member States to deliver and report on actual implementation we urge Member States to deliver at least one review every five years. We also strongly encourage the draft resolution to include inputs from existing UN human rights instruments and their monitoring bodies.

We welcome the efforts the Government in making the 2030 Agenda a success and sincerely hope you will be able to raise the issues set out in the enclosed letter with the Co-facilitators. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further information or assist you in raising these issues.

Sincerely yours,

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