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Dear Zarin,

Thank you for your correspondence of 2 June regarding the open letter to co-facilitators of the informal consultation on the follow up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The UK Government recognises the critical role Women's Rights Organisations (WROs) play in achieving lasting transformation in women's and girls' rights and holding decision makers to account.

The UK fought hard to ensure that the 60th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women recognises the major contribution made by WROs in placing the interests, needs and visions of women and girls in Agenda 2030; the importance of an open, inclusive and transparent dialogue with WROs on the gender responsive implementation of Agenda 2030; and the need to promote an enabling environment for civil society to contribute fully to the implementation and review of Agenda 2030.

The UK was instrumental in shaping and securing a strong commitment to the principle of Leave No One Behind (LNB) in Agenda 2030. We will continue to push for the engagement of all relevant stakeholders in a global follow-up and review process that is inclusive, people-centred, gender-sensitive, respects human rights and has a particular focus on the poorest, most vulnerable and those furthest behind.

The 2016 High Level Political Forum taking place in July is an important opportunity, with its focus on LNB, for Agenda 2030. I urge you to help ensure that global and national focus shifts from making pledges, to implementation of LNB, sharing evidence of what works, highlighting the

importance of partnership with civil society and pushing for concrete commitments. Action within the first three years of the Global Goals is imperative.

Best Wishes,

Justine

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