

Thank you Chair. I am Cynthia Mathew from the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Loreto Generalate- a faith-based organization and I am making this intervention on behalf of the NGO Committee on Financing for Development. First of all, I would like to acknowledge the efforts made by Member States, UN Agencies and the Civil Society to accelerate the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. We know that we are not on track. We are now at a critical point in the Agenda 2030 process. If we do not act quickly, we will not achieve the SDGs

The NGO Committee on FfD welcomes the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development of the General Assembly. As we look forward to it the following are our expectations from the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development.

1. The High-level dialogue will lead all the member States to recognize Social Protection as a Human Right and ensure adequate social protection that reaches all corners of every country, taking care to stem the leakage of funds through corruption and inefficiency. That it will create and implement adequate, rights-based, effective, efficient, universal and sustainable social protection systems.
2. The High-level dialogue will help the Member States to come to consensus for a Global Fund for Social Protection.
3. The Member States will agree on a comprehensive sovereign debt - restructuring system that brings low and middle-income countries to sustainable debt while maintaining adequate social protection.
4. The High-level Dialogue will ensure that countries invest in social protection systems for delivering on the promise of the SDGs since the United Nations 2030 Agenda recognizes social protection systems as a key enabler of the SDGs and states that “All people must enjoy a basic standard of living, including through social protection systems”

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