

**Financing for Development
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Statement by OHCHR**

Thank you Mr. Cofacilitator.

Realizing people's universal human rights (civil, cultural, economic, political, social), including the right to development, is not just a means but the ultimate end of development. According to Article 28 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, "*Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which their rights and freedoms can be fully realized*". The financing for development agenda must ultimately help establish that order. Therefore, a critical priority for FFD must be the strengthening of coherence between development, trade, investment, intellectual property, finance, tax, environmental and other key policy regimes, globally and nationally. International human rights standards, as legally binding standards and higher-order policy objectives representing the ultimate ends of development, should be the yardstick for policy coherence.

Ensuring policy coherence will require States to take measures to guarantee that the aforementioned legal and policy regimes do not conflict with each other and ultimately serve the common objective of guaranteeing a life of human dignity for all persons. In this regard, OHCHR welcomes the emphasis on policy coherence found in paragraphs 98, 100, 101 and 102 of the zero draft. With regard to paras 100, 101 and 102, OHCHR proposes that this language should be strengthened by making specific reference to human rights norms and standards so that the relevant language in para 100 reads:

We will make efforts to enable the orderly, safe and regular migration and mobility of people, while protecting the rights of migrant workers in compliance with **human rights norms and standards** and the ILO's fundamental conventions, as well as the rights of displaced persons.

The relevant language in para 101 reads:

We resolve to strengthen the coherence and consistency of multilateral financial, investment, trade, and development policy and environment institutions and platforms **with international law and standards, including human rights**

And the relevant language in para 102 reads:

We will further strive for coherence of our economic, environmental, **human rights and social standards**, agreements and policies, which are negotiated in separate forums and implemented through different institutions.

We thank you for your consideration.