

CSO Statement in response to the VNR report of the Government of China

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Statement will be delivered in Chinese:

中国在扶贫领域方面成就卓著，已经提前十年完成了SDG关于消除绝对贫困的目标。我们也感谢中国对环境问题特别是生态多样性问题的重视。同时，我们希望强调对公民社会和所有利益攸关者参与SDG和所有联合国进程至关重要，并提出如下议题和问题：

- 1, 我们敦促中国在为目标15“陆地生命”努力过程中尊重土著居民，重视内蒙古的过度耕种问题
- 2, 缺少数据是中国实现SDG的最大挑战之一。请问政府在更多分性别、年龄、地区的数据搜集及发布方面有什么计划和行动？
- 3, 关于如何将妇女赋权、妇女的引领作用纳入所有可持续发展的进程，国内外有诸多关切，对此中国政府有何考虑？有什么切实的步骤去增强国家对性别暴力的回应，停止虐待、剥削、贩运等各种形式的暴力和酷刑，去促成一个平等、安宁、包容的社会，以及让所有人都能诉诸司法？
- 4, 我们强烈敦促政府进一步纳入所有利益有关者——私营部门和公民社会——特别是妇女和青年，从创新到落实可持续发展，到改善现存的不平等而不是继续产生不平等。中国采用了哪些方式使得所有利益相关方能有意义地参与SDG进程，特别是最受负面影响的弱势的群体的参与？

至关重要是雷厉风行地纳入所有边缘化群体，包括性和性别少数群体(LGBT+)，残疾人群体，真正不让一个人拉下，保持可持续发展议程的进展，奋力实现2030年目标。

我们呼吁系统性的变革。所有和我们有关的决策，都要有我们的参与。

English translation

Significant progress has been achieved in poverty alleviation, as the country completes eradication of extreme poverty 10 years ahead of the schedule. We would also like to thank China's attention on environmental issues, especially biodiversity. But we wish to highlight the vital importance of an approach responsible to civil society stakeholders, including through the constituencies of the SDGs and all UN processes, and have issues and questions we wish to raise:

1. Firstly, we urge China to respect the Free Prior Informed Consent of indigenous peoples in the development due to unsustainable projects in Inner Mongolia and other autonomous regions and areas.
2. Lack of data is one of the biggest challenges to China in achieving the SDGs. We would like to know what is the government's plan and action of generating and publishing more data disaggregated by sex, age, and region?
3. How does the Chinese government consider the concerns raised on integrating women's empowerment and their full leadership in all sustainable development processes? What are the concrete steps on enhancing responses to gender-based violence, stop the

abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence and torture? To promote an equal, peaceful and inclusive society and provide access to justice for all.

4. We strongly urge China to further include all stakeholders - the private sector and civil society - especially women and youth, from innovation to implementation of sustainable development, and to ease existing inequalities rather than reproducing them. What modalities did China adopt to ensure meaningful participation of these stakeholders, particularly those most affected by development challenges?

It is critically important to drastically include marginalized groups, LGBT+ communities, and people with disabilities in all activities, to truly Leave No One Behind and maintain the progress on sustainable development and strive towards achieving the 2030 Agenda.

Nothing About Us, Without Us.

In Chinese edition, we have space to add "We call up on system change" in the last para, before "nothing about us, without us":
