

Thank you Chairman  
Ladies and gentlemen,

Standing today for its third engagement to the Voluntary National Review at HLPF Egypt's commitment to monitoring the Agenda 2030 implementation is clear and much welcome. Despite the adverse challenges of the pandemic, the Government of Egypt indicates its eagerness to structural reforms based on Vision 2030. Nevertheless, key structural sustainable development challenges remain as a challenge. Namely:

Water scarcity is a rising challenge in Egypt especially in relation to the increase in population, the GERD crisis and the rise in agricultural activity to meet population food security needs.

- There is a continuing rise in the public budget deficit and an increase in debt service and accordingly, sustainable health financing is a critical concern specially during COVID
- Whereas lack of decent work conditions remain a main cause for low % of the workforce, it intersects with a significant gender gap and gender inequality.

we would like to draw the attention of the Egyptian government to pay particular focus to SDG 4, namely target 4.3 and 4.7. Moreover, SDG 13 still needs deep actions. We also would like to motivate the government to exert more efforts in implementing targets 5.2 and 5.3, as SDG 5 still needs advanced development.

My questions remain:

- What are the government future plans to eradicate all sorts of violence against women in Egypt?
- Including the Decent Life (Hayah Karima) project, how does the Government ensure that such initiatives address gender gaps, and root causes of poverty, what are the key measures used for reporting progress, the scheme of follow-ups post implementation and data availability?
- What steps are taken to ensure resilient recovery from a global pandemic while focusing on engaging different stakeholders -including youth?