

Dear Chair,

It is vital that countries like Germany continue presenting at the HLPF on their SDG implementation. We need leadership countries to uphold human rights, including gender equality, just and sustainable development, and strong multilateralism.

Germany has long supported the SDGs in international fora, yet its domestic implementation is lagging, as the VNR illustrates.

Excellencies,

Let me name two areas where Germany's commitment must get back on track:

The German Supply Chain Act is a major achievement for human rights, climate, labour, and gender rights. It combats child labour, protects workers from exploitation, and defends the environment from destruction. The law demonstrates that economic profit **can** be regulated. It is thus incomprehensible that the government and the EU seek to weaken or repeal it.

Secondly, while the government pledged to implement the outcomes of the Fourth FfD Conference, it recently cut development cooperation and humanitarian budgets, and is shifting away from feminist foreign policy toward a misguided security-led narrative.

We therefore ask:

Does the government truly intend to dilute the Supply Chain Act? If so, how does it plan to uphold human rights, labour standards, and environmental and climate commitments in supply chains beyond voluntary measures?

How does the government intend to move forward on global debt? Will it support UN initiatives such as a framework convention on sovereign debt or a global tax convention to harmonize minimum tax rates and boost domestic revenue?

Thank you.