MAJOR GROUPS & OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

MGoS Statement on the Mandate Implementation Review Resolution

On behalf of the Major Groups and other Stakeholders (MGoS), we welcome the adoption of the General Assembly resolution on the Mandate Implementation Review under the UN80 Initiative. This resolution marks an important step toward strengthening coherence, transparency, and accountability across the mandate lifecycle.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Co-Chairs — the Permanent Representatives of Jamaica and New Zealand — for their leadership, openness to engagement, and steady stewardship of a complex and politically sensitive process. Their commitment to an inclusive dialogue has helped ensure that diverse perspectives, including those of civil society, were heard throughout the negotiations.

MGoS recognizes several positive elements in the final resolution. The inclusion of transparency as a guiding principle, the emphasis on evidence-based decision-making, and the commitment to more coherent, system-wide digital tools are meaningful advances. The structured approach to mandate review — with clearer timelines, criteria, and modalities — provides a foundation for a more predictable and accountable system.

At the same time, we note that important dimensions remain underdeveloped. The resolution does not yet fully reflect the equity, accessibility, and participation considerations that are essential for mandates to serve all communities, especially those historically marginalized or left behind. Additionally, accessibility standards — including multilingual and disability-inclusive formats — are not embedded across the envisioned tools and processes. The resolution is missing a requirement for human rights or equality impact assessments before mandates are merged, adapted, clustered, retired or deprioritized, to be carried out to ensure that mandated reviews do not inadvertently weaken human rights, gender equality, racial equity, and disability inclusion, or other sensitive areas.

We call on Member States to apply the principles of transparency and evidence-based decision-making consistently across the mandate lifecycle; to request enhanced functionality of the Mandate Registry, including multilingual and accessible features; to ensure that mandate reviews do not inadvertently weaken mandates in sensitive areas such as human rights, gender equality, disability inclusion, and racial justice; and to engage civil society meaningfully as the Working Group develops the templates, criteria, and methodologies that will guide implementation.

Throughout this process, we have heard Member States emphasize that the mandate implementation review must remain a Member-State-led exercise. MGoS fully supports this principle. We believe that when Member States lead and take clear ownership of the mandate lifecycle, it strengthens the legitimacy of the process and increases the likelihood of effective implementation and delivery. We have been encouraged by the seriousness with which Member States have approached this review, and we see this ownership as a foundation for the sustained follow-through that will be required in the months ahead.

As the process now moves from adoption to implementation, MGoS stands ready to contribute constructively. We call on the UN Secretariat to strengthen the Mandate Registry with public-facing summaries, multilingual interfaces, and intuitive navigation; to provide independent, system-wide evidence and standardized methodologies to support impartial mandate reviews; to enhance the accessibility and usability of reports through plain-language summaries, visual data, and inclusive formats; and to apply robust digital governance standards — including accessibility, multilingualism, and interoperability — across all tools developed under this resolution.

MGoS remains committed to supporting Member States and the UN system in ensuring that mandates are clear, coherent, inclusive, and impactful — and that they continue to serve the people and communities who rely on them most. We look forward to actively engaging in the next phase of work and to contributing evidence, lived experience, and policy insight as the Mandate Implementation Review moves into implementation.

List of Major Groups and Other Stakeholders

Africa Regional Mechanism
Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism
Business & Industry Major Group
Civil Society Financing for Development Group
ECE Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism
Education & Academia Stakeholder Group
Farmers' Major Group
Indigenous Peoples' Major Group
Latin American Regional Civil Society Mechanism
LGBTI Stakeholder Group
Local Authorities' Major Group
Major Group for Children & Youth
NGO Major Group
People of African Descent Stakeholder Group
Persons with Disabilities Stakeholder Group
Science & Technology Major Group
Sendai Engagement Mechanism
Stakeholder Group for Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent
Stakeholder Group on Ageing
Together 2030 Stakeholder Group
Volunteers Stakeholder Group
Women's Major Group
Workers & Trade Union Major Group