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Intervention by H.E. Mr. Peter Matt Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

Mr. Vice-President,

Liechtenstein is a strong proponent for women's rights and for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The 2030 Agenda confirms that full and equal participation of women in all spheres of life is an indispensable element of sustainable development. In the implementation of the Agenda we must not forget to systematically mainstream the gender perspective throughout the SDGs. In order to do so we must also acknowledge the indispensable role of women as agents of change and of peace. This has been reaffirmed by many countries, including Liechtenstein, at the World Humanitarian Summit. We also wish to draw your attention to the agreed conclusions of the most recent session of the CSW (Commission on the Status of Women) which deals with women's empowerment and its link to the 2030 Agenda. It covers all of the goals and targets in the Agenda and connects them with the issue we are discussing here, namely: leaving no woman behind.

Mr. Vice-President,

Gender commitments form the backbone of the 2030 Agenda. But, these commitments are of no value without accountability. Globally we monitor the implementation of these commitments under the HLPF (High-Level Political Forum), which includes the participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders. The same principle of inclusivity must be applied on the national level as well. We would be interested to hear from the panelists how the widest range of stakeholders can be encouraged to participate and make valuable contributions to successfully implement the Agenda at the national and global level.

Thank you!