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<u>The Transparency, Accountability and Participation (TAP) Network</u> and its over 140 associated civil society organizations welcomes the "Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" Outcome Document, and congratulates Member States and the Co-facilitators for a successful outcome.

The co-facilitators and Member States helped ensure a truly transparent and participatory negotiation process that was inclusive of all stakeholders, including civil society, which embodied the Outcome Document's commitment to "leave no one behind." While the Outcome Document is not perfect in our view, it sets forth an ambitious vision for the 2030 Agenda, complemented by commitments for its implementation and set of principles for its follow up and review and accountability – all topped off by the Agenda's 17 goals and 169 targets, representing the global community's collective aspirations.

In particular, the TAP Network strongly supports the bold and ambitious language in the document on the commitments expressed in Goal 16 – including on fostering peaceful, inclusive and just societies, and on good governance and effective rule of law at all levels. We further welcome the people-centred nature of the agenda, which is grounded with references to human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the steadfast commitment to "leave no one behind." We are also encouraged that the core principles of follow-up and review include commitments to transparency and participation of all people and stakeholders, and promotes accountability to citizens.

The 2030 Agenda Outcome Document provides a solid foundation for "Transforming Our World" over the next 15 years. However, for the global community to fulfill its ambitions pledged through the 2030 Agenda, this commitment must be matched with equally bold commitments to action and accountability, rooted in transparency, participation and inclusivity. As such, we look forward to further timely, unilateral and multilateral commitments from governments and international institutions towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda.

While we celebrate the successful outcome of these negotiations, our collective work around the 2030 agenda has only just begun. In this critical opportunity ahead of us, we, the signatories to this document, commit to working with all governments and stakeholders in the implementation, measurability and accountability of the commitments made through this new 2030 Agenda, and to help truly ensure that no one is left behind.