

Second Drafting Session on Third FfD Conference

Civil society interventions on Debt and Debt Sustainability

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

The draft misses acknowledging progress on a multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring registered in the context of the ad hoc committee established by UN GA resolution of September last year, and a commitment for implementation of this resolution. (We realize not all member States are engaged in this process but now the zero draft has several references to other processes where not all members are engaged: OECD BEPS, Paris Club, G20, even ICMA which is not a public process receives a mention- so it is not justifiable to exclude a process that is going on within the UN and in which, as opposed to those other processes I just mentioned, all members have a right to engage

We think the draft should include language that commits governments to ~~steps~~ to address the question of illegitimate and odious ~~debts~~, where pertinent, have payments of such debts that have ~~been~~ made, returned to countries of origin.

Thank you.

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Co-Facilitators and Member states, thanks for this opportunity to contribute.

On the extremely important subject of debt, the zero net place more priority on four key areas where the UN has ongoing work:

- (1) the UN ad hoc committee on a multilateral framework for sovereign debt restructuring;
- (2) the UNCTAD convened working group on sovereign debt workouts;
- (3) the Guiding Principles on Foreign Debt and Human Rights; and,
- (4) the Principles on Responsible Sovereign Lending and Borrowing.

Paragraphs 83 and 86 both have the potential to make a very significant link between debt sustainability and the ability of a country to finance implementation o

a fundamental gap and weakness of the international financial architecture