

Your Excellencies,

Thank you for your work on crafting the Draft Political Declaration, an inspirational and action-oriented plan for accelerating achievement of the SDGs.

The Volunteers stakeholder group respectful requests the insertion of one word in paragraphs 20 and 32, highlighted below in ALL CAPS:

20. We commit to enhancing global, regional, national and local partnerships for sustainable development, engaging all relevant stakeholders, including local and regional governments, parliamentarians, Indigenous Peoples, research institutes, children, civil society, the private sector, academia, women, youth, local communities, persons of African descent, VOLUNTEERS, persons with disabilities and older persons, recognizing the important contribution they can make to the 2030 Agenda

and

32. We acknowledge the common purpose that has united governments, the UN system, civil society, the private sector, parliaments, local authorities, academia, VOLUNTEERS, and other stakeholders to deliver on the 2030 Agenda including through the localization of SDGs.

Thank you again for your efforts and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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