

# Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate

## Oral Statement - CSocD63

Thank you Chair for allowing me to address you today, in my capacity as the Youth-Representative of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Loreto Generalate. We are a faith-based NGO network serving in over forty countries, to consistently strive for strengthening solidarity, social inclusion and social cohesion; particularly for women and girls.

To achieve solidarity, social inclusion and social cohesion, gender inequality is a quintessential component that must be addressed. Inequality exists in many areas that create barriers, separation and poverty in economies, education, culture and health. Furthermore, minorities and marginalised populations tend to face systemic discrimination and institutional corruption, causing further isolation.

It has been understood that addressing just one of these areas has the potential for social change and development, disintegrating barriers and separation. Education is an integral component for this. Poor health, food insecurity, and economic hardships adversely impact the ability of both adults and children to learn and create a viable future, and thus ultimately creates a systemic barrier. However, economic, health and cultural aspects impede access and thus many areas for social inclusion.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, aims to be achieved in the next 5 years, however our progression for social inclusion and cohesion is a far reach for attainability. We endorse the Civil Society Declaration for the 63rd

session of the UN Commission for Social Development, particularly in creating an environment with equal access to economic, health and cultural safety.

Therefore, we call on the United Nations and its Member States to commit substantially to the following:

1. Expand education, healthcare, and vocational training for the youth and prioritize policies that equip them to contribute meaningfully to society
2. Organise the reformation of the global financial system in order to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in an attainable manner.
3. Create new spaces if systems can't be changed for marginalised and vulnerable communities to be involved in education, health and the economy.

Thank You.