



## **High-level Political Forum 2015 (under the auspices of ECOSOC): The role of business in implementation**

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Good afternoon. This is Nausheen from Bangladesh and my question is on behalf of my organization, Khan Foundation and the Women's Major Group. I would like to ask a question to the panelists in relation to how businesses can help achieve the SDGS and would like to focus on goal 3: ensure healthy lives and wellbeing for all at all ages, goal 5: achieving gender equality and empower all women and girls and goal 8: promote decent work for all. Coming from Bangladesh where the private sector including the Ready Made Garment industry is often involved in human rights violations including the violation of the rights of garments workers, I would like to know what business can do to ensure that these industry workers, majority of whom are women from marginalized communities, have access to human rights as well as access to SRHR and services? Finally I would like to stress on the need for proper accountability mechanisms because we know that many of the victims of Rana Plaza disaster, one of the biggest disasters of the RMG industry has still not achieved justice from the North based companies.