



HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

Review of SDGs implementation: SDG 3

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Thank you Madame Chair. My name is Esther I speak to all of you today on behalf of the Women's Major Group.

This morning we have heard how SDG 3 plays a crosscutting role in the pursuit and achievement of the SDGs.

For the Women's Major Group is important to highlight that:

- **The right to health requires access to affordable, acceptable, accessible and quality health for ALL.**
 - Whilst recognizing the commitments made by member states to achieving SDG 3 in the current draft of the Ministerial Declaration: We cannot achieve the SDGs without a focus on addressing the universal health and rights of all people, particularly women, with a special focus on girls, adolescents, young women and older women, LBTQI people, women living with HIV, sex workers, migrants, refugees, indigenous women, rural women, women with living with disabilities and all other marginalized groups and people living in vulnerable situations.
- When we talk about health, we mean a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.” This means:
 - Freedom from violence, stigma, discrimination and other human rights violations in the pursuit of health information and health services, irrespective of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression and sex characteristics
 - Respect for the right of all people to bodily autonomy and integrity, which includes the sexual dimensions of pleasure and the elimination of discriminatory laws, gender norms and harmful cultural practices that hold girls and women back —e.g. FGM; child, early and forced marriage; stigma and isolation related to menstruation, laws restricting access to contraception and safe abortion care