Statement by Asian Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW)

Madam chairperson and distinguished delegates

I am Sai Racherla, from the Asian Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW).

On behalf of the Civil Society, we convey our support and appreciation for the Asia-Pacific indicator framework. We look forward to the Member States for its endorsement.

The current framework, strengthens linkages between the ICPD Programme of Action\(^1\), the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development.

We appreciate the holistic approach adopted within the indicator framework, and would invite for an inclusive gender and human rights assessment, at the country level, while implementing this framework.

We call for robust data collection, with focus on inclusivity. Data should be disaggregated by age, sex, urban/rural residence, educational attainment, wealth, ethnicity, migrant status, humanitarian setting, conflict zones and refugees, persons with disabilities, persons living with HIV among others as relevant to leave no one behind in the region.

We urge Member States, to forge an effective partnership, with CSOs, to develop regular country progress reports using the indicator framework. CSO’s participation is crucial in the collection, analysis and dissemination of data on communities, and this needs to be recognised.

Finally, we once again reiterate our call for Member States to endorse the indicator framework.

Thank you.

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\(^1\) Also in line with the General Assembly resolution 65/234, Member States decided to extend the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation beyond 2014.