

To the attention of: High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini  
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## LETTER: IMPLEMENTING THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Dear High Representative/Vice-President Mogherini,

Four months after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the UN General Assembly, plans to implement the Agenda in different countries and regions around the world are taking shape. In July, the world will gather again at the High Level Political Forum to review progress, generate political impetus and launch partnerships and actions to advance shared goals. In the run-up to this High-Level Political Forum, the EU should continue playing a front-runner role, inspiring others by showing how it is able to match the ambition of the 2030 Agenda with clear EU implementation plans, which reflect the integrated, interlinked and comprehensive nature of the Agenda, in order to ensure well-being for all within planetary boundaries.

For this reason, CONCORD, the European NGO confederation for Relief and Development, representing 2,600 NGOs, would like to share with you its latest [position paper 'Components for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the EU and Member States'](#). CONCORD believes that for implementation plans to be successful - both at EU and at national level - they should at least include 9 components. Firstly, political leadership is needed to push the agenda forward. An overarching strategy should be adopted to implement the integrated 2030 Agenda at home and abroad, developed through a participatory process and on the basis of an in-depth gap analysis. Adequate financial resources should be allocated. In terms of governance, it is important to ensure both horizontal and vertical integration and clearly identify roles and responsibilities. Subsequently, legislation and policies will have to be revised or developed. A clear Communication Strategy must ensure that the people are fully aware of the aforementioned decisions. Furthermore, participation of all people must be ensured in the planning, design and implementation processes. Finally, robust, independent monitoring, accountability and review mechanisms, from local to regional level, are necessary.

The new EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy currently being developed is the perfect opportunity to embrace the sustainable development agenda and its ambitions for people, planet, peace, prosperity and partnership. It should avoid a short term view and consider the long term global challenges that are at the root of some of the problems we face in an interdependent world, such as poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation and competition and conflict over scarce resources.

We remain at your disposal to provide any additional information and would welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues further with your team working on the Strategy.

Yours sincerely,



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