**JST – Core group Human Rights and the Agenda 2030**

Mr President/Madam Moderator,

I have the honour of speaking on behalf of the Core Group of the resolution on human rights and the Agenda 2030.

We thank the High Commissioner and all panellists for their insightful presentations today. At last year’s SDG Summit, we heard loud and clear that progress on the SDGs and on respect for human rights is at risk. Secretary-General Guterres has called for the international financial architecture to be reformed urgently, calling it “outdated, dysfunctional, and unjust” and important reform efforts are now underway. High Commissioner Türk and the OHCHR have for their part presented a coherent and compelling narrative for the need to shift to human rights economies, which place the economy at the service of the realisation of human rights.

This requires a profound transformation in how governments worldwide understand their role and their international human rights obligations. Almost all countries have ratified the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which requires States to take steps to the maximum of its available resources toward the progressive realization of these human rights.

We need more visionary solutions to realise an urgently needed Just Transition for our world beset by multidimensional crisis, including the environment, numerous conflicts, and staggering inequality reflected in the levels of extreme poverty and hunger.

The core group of the Human Rights and Agenda 2030 resolution welcomes the ideas shared by the High Commissioner and his office, as well as by other panellists and looks forward to their presentation to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-sixth session, in time for the Summit of the Future.

Thank you for your attention.