**5th Intersessional Meeting on Human Rights and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

*Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development at all levels*

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**UNDP Statement**

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A collission of crises is impacting the future of development – compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic, the climate crisis, narrowing fiscal space, the debt crisis, increased cost of living, demographic challenges, social upheaval, the erosion of the rule of law and human rights protections, and challenged multilateralism.

Today, 71 million people have fallen into poverty as a direct consequence of global food and energy prices catalyzed by the war in Ukraine alone.

Progress towards the 2030 Agenda is facing severe disruption. In the face of this significant disruption, we must continue to integrate human rights into the implementation of the 2030 Agenda to resume progress on the SDGs and help overcome the impact of the multiple crises the world is currently facing.

With the mid-term review of the implementation of the SDGs taking place at the HLPF this year, we need to scale-up examples of where mechanisms, such as the UPR and Treaty Bodies, inform SDG VNR processes and vice-versa. UNDP with OHCHR has developed Guidance for member states on how to integrate human rights into VNRs in 2022. We are supporting Human Rights and SDG systems integration at country level to embed human rights recommendations in national development policy and strengthen coherence between human rights and SDG systems to advance on these complementary agendas.

For example, **in Botswana**, UNDP has supported civil society to develop a database for improved coordination and planning of SDG and human rights indicators in collaboration with the government-led national recommendations tracking database to follow up on recommendations from human rights mechanisms in national development policy.

UNDP utilized a human rights-based approach in supporting an inclusive socio-economic response to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

In the process of building back better lives after crises and accelerating SDG implementation, UNDP is committed to continue promoting a human rights-based approach to recovery.

Thank you.