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**World Programme for Human Rights Education and Target 4.7 of the SDGs**

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Thank you Madame Vice President.

I speak on behalf of 17 organizations<sup>1</sup>

The Plan of Action for the fourth phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education is currently in its preparation phase in consultation with all stakeholders and will be submitted during the forty-second session of the Human Rights Council. In this regard, the NGO WG on HREL would like to emphasize the following points:

- 1) The implementation of the three previous phases of the World Programme should be an integral part of the Plan of Action.
- 2) Human rights education methodologies including specific tools and indicators to measure the impact and progress of human rights education at local and national level, also within the framework of target 4.7 of the SDGs should be further developed.
- 3) Adequate policies, including necessary resources and programmes to train educators with skills, knowledge and understanding of human rights to foster people that can be a model of human rights for young people should be prioritized.
- 4) National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI) and Parliamentarians play a key role for human rights education.
- 5) Young peoples' voices should adequately be reflected, taking in consideration the different needs that youth have to ensure an inclusive plan of action. Non-formal education plays a key role to enhance the aim of universal access for all youth to human rights education.

The NGO WG on HREL is fully willing to act as a bridge between the different actors in order to move towards a better implementation of human rights education.

Thank you Madame Vice President

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<sup>1</sup> This statement reflects views of the NGO Working Group on Human Rights Education and Learning (NGO WG on HREL) of NGO Human Rights Committee of CoNGO, comprising 55 NGOs.