

Oral Statement of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women (IFBPW) Our – March, 15 2019 (do not read)

Madam Chair, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women we would like to convey our deepest sympathy to New Zealand.

Our statement focuses on three points:

- **Government Procurement SDG 5.1**

IFBPW has always worked for gender equality and equal salary for equal work. We are still significantly short of achieving equal pay or equal parity across the world.

One very important sector for procurement are the governments. Their financial agreements across the private sector represent 10-20% of the national GDPs.

Our Recommendations to implement SDG 5.1:

- Governments install quotas to facilitate the access for small and medium women led businesses and companies to government procurement.
- Companies which get government procurement have to prove to the government that in their company equal pay for equal work is a reality.
- Companies providing direct sourcing for governments should include a minimum of 30% women in senior leadership positions.

Unpaid care work SDG 5.4

There are significant structural barriers for women to achieve gender equality.

Disproportionate burden of unpaid work at home, caring for small children, household chores, caring for older and/or disabled family members. To combine these tasks with an employment, women often work in the informal economy. They are not able to provide for social security and pension funds. The consequence is that they often

end up in poverty after retirement. Taking in account that the need of care work is increasing until 2030 and beyond we recommend to implement SDG 5.4 that:

- Governments recognize unpaid care work through provisions towards the social security and pension funds.
- Governments provide public services, infrastructure and social protection policies and promote shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate

Clean Water and Sanitation SDG 6, 4 and 3

Clean Water and sanitation have a huge impact on the lives of women and girls.

Today girls and women miss out on school and work because there is no water and sanitation and they have to stay home during the time of their menstruation. Women use important time to carry water from the fountains and wells to their homes.

Polluted water leads to a high child mortality and illness of the population.

Our Recommendations SDG 6, 4 and 3

- By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all
- By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally
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