



**Interactive Dialogue with Major Groups and other Stakeholders - 20 May 2015**  
**Follow-up and Review of the Post-2015 Development Agenda**  
**Statement by Ms. Cecilie Kern, on behalf of the Loretto Community**

Thank you co-facilitators,

My name is Cecilie Kern, and I represent the Loretto Community, which is a member of the NGO Mining Working Group.

Human rights principles must be integrated in a robust, effective and transparent review and follow-up framework for the Post-2015 Development Agenda. A human rights-based approach will help to ensure monitoring and accountability for all development actors and strengthen the role of States as the primary duty bearers for guaranteeing the rights of individuals and communities, and the sanctity of the environment. As mentioned yesterday by the distinguished Permanent Representative of Palau, the review and follow-up framework that accompanies the SDGs must protect and promote human rights, including the human right to water and sanitation.

The brunt of global water poverty is faced primarily by women, indigenous peoples and other marginalized and vulnerable communities. Measuring tools must disaggregate data accordingly to ensure that these inequalities are appropriately addressed and eliminated. No goal or target should be declared achieved until achieved for all.

This requires inclusive and transparent monitoring and accountability mechanisms, including for the private sector. Building upon the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, a legally-binding treaty should obligate private sector partners to uphold human rights and sustainable development principles and standards across their entire operations. Public-private partnerships should be excluded for the provision of essential public services, such as health, education and water and sanitation, where states have an obligation to guarantee universal access, accountability, transparency and meaningful public participation in decision-making, including free, prior and informed consent for all affected communities.

We hope that all aspects of the Post-2015 Development Agenda will be people-centered and promote a world that is just, equitable, inclusive and sustainable for people and the planet.

Thank you.