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Talking points:

Dear Director General,

Dear colleagues,

Today I'm speaking on behalf of the philanthropy sector, and in the representation of WINGS, a network of 167 philanthropic entities in 52 countries.

Regarding the recommendations that we would incorporate in the EU programming, we would like to second all the references that highlight the importance of strengthening civil society and protecting civic space. Same for the point that calls the EU to protect the space for philanthropy by ensuring that financial transactions are not impeded in the fight against terrorism.

In addition, there must be clear references to philanthropy throughout the programming exercise document. Recognizing that the issues related to the enabling environment also affect our sector and that we are working together with the broader civil society to address these barriers.

With regard to resource mobilization, alongside private business and finance, it is important to emphasize the need to enhance all forms of private resources for common good (individual giving, foundations, community philanthropy, etc.) and the necessity to be intentional about it (ONE MINUTE). Strong and effective local private resources are key to build back better and reach the SDGs, and these resources can be stimulated through favorable policies and robust networks and infrastructure organizations.

We also want to emphasize the already mentioned points on supporting CS networks and umbrella organizations. The networks of foundations and other Philanthropy Support Organizations also need to be taken into account.

On the question about the role of multi-stakeholder partnerships:

- Philanthropy, especially domestic actors, need to be called to the table. Multi-stakeholder partnerships that include philanthropic actors can contribute to broader alignment, local ownership, and inclusion of diverse perspectives.
- The EU can certainly raise awareness and encourage these exchanges and concrete collaborations at the local, regional, and global levels. Promoting dialogue and supporting the



engagement of Local Authorities, private sector, and the broader civil society with philanthropic organizations and foundations, taking into account their innovative approaches and financial and non-financial contributions to realizing sustainable development.

Thank you very much.