



High-Level Political Forum 2018

SDG11: Cities

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Thank you chair,

My name is Lillian, I am from Mexico, and I speak on behalf of the Women's Major Group.

We affirm that inclusive, just, sustainable and safe cities require respect for women's rights and equality in a comprehensive, plural and complex view that encompasses the dimensions of sex, age, class, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and disability.

For this reason, we would like to add the following two critical priorities:

1. Viewing gentrification through a feminist lens helps to uncover how multifaceted it is; in that gentrification involves the oppression, marginalization and displacement of low-middle income working-class; particularly female headed households, who are negatively affected by sexism, racism and classism. Due to this, we believe it is necessary to include women's needs, interests and experiences into urban policies; to prevent exclusionary policies that cause further feminization of poverty and uphold stereotypical gender roles, and; to develop mechanisms to engage women's and feminist groups in designing policy solutions.
2. One thing must remain clear -gentrification is driven by the private sector and is the result of capitalism's relentless chase of profit, without consideration of the well-being of dwellers and communities. Hence, it is necessary that governments

enact rent-control legislation and progressive taxes, penalties, incentives and other regulations to prevent speculative urban redevelopment processes. Also, we suggest that governments promote surplus value recuperation tools and question public and private partnerships.

Thank you Chair.