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Oral Statement

Make Mothers Matter thanks former Special Rapporteur Mr. De Schutter for his outstanding work, unwavering commitment to poverty eradication, and constructive engagement with NGOs throughout his mandate. We look forward to working with Ms. Díaz Galán.

MMM fully supports the *Roadmap for Eradicating Poverty Beyond Growth*, which challenges the traditional reliance on GDP growth as the primary pathway to poverty reduction, and proposes concrete alternatives.

The Roadmap outlines a necessary transition to a Human Rights Economy – one that prioritises wellbeing and human rights, and places care, social reproduction, and intergenerational solidarity at the heart of economic governance.

It recognises a fundamental reality: economies depend not only on markets and paid labour, but also on the vast amount of unpaid care work performed every day, predominantly by women. Yet this life-sustaining work remains largely invisible and undervalued. Its unequal distribution limits women's labour force participation, earnings, and social protection, increasing their risk of poverty—particularly for mothers.

We therefore call on Member States to recognise that poverty and inequality are the result of policy choices, and to embrace the Roadmap as a guide towards a care-centred Human Rights Economy.

Placing care—and caregivers, including mothers—at the heart of public policy is not only a matter of gender equality; it is essential to eradicating poverty, advancing social justice, and achieving sustainable development.