**EU intervention at the Twenty-fourth session of the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council**

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**"National policies and human rights"**

* The EU thanks the drafting group of the Advisory Committee for the elaboration of the “Study on National Policies to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by integrating human rights “(A/HRC/AC/24CRP.2). We are have been pleased that many best practices coming from EU member States have been included, in particular on the protection of vulnerable groups, on poverty reduction, in favor of persons with disabilities, on efforts on more sustainable consumption and production and on the involvement of regional or local government for the implementation of the Agenda.
* The EU agrees with the studies Study’s acknowledgment that “Agenda Goals are increasingly incorporated in national policies, plans and budgets of States, irrespective of their doctrinal or ideological orientation, involving societies in their entirety and are accepted as objectives on international cooperation because of the global importance of many Goals.” In spite of such a progress, a lot remains to be done in order to achieve the Goals set in the Agenda and, with the 2030 approaching fast, the need to step up our efforts is becoming urgent.
* The Study represents an additional tool at the disposal of all States for the implementation of Agenda 2030. In particular, the EU endorses and stresses the important recommendation of the Study referring to data which calls on the collection and availability of reliable disaggregated data and statistics on the economic and social situation of each country in order to reflect, inter alia, the evolution in the implementation of the commitment taken and of the Goals and targets under the Agenda.
* 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is grounded in human rights instruments and has at its core the principle of equality and non-discrimination. Let me seize this occasion that, it is the EU’s firm believe that a sustainable development can only be achieved by fully respecting all human rights and fundamental freedoms.