



## **Statement of Germany at the Grand Bargain Annual Meeting in Geneva on 27 June 2019**

- delivered in writing -

Since the inception of the Grand Bargain Process in 2016, much has been achieved. The evolution of cash-based assistance has been fostered through the work of the Grand Bargain work stream, efforts of localization have picked up, and we now have a harmonized reporting template that is to be rolled out to reduce the reporting burden on humanitarian partners. Yet more progress needs to be achieved in order to fulfil more of our collective Grand Bargain commitments.

Germany has been actively engaged and remains committed to the Grand Bargain Process. We will continue our efforts to implement our own commitments as well as to contribute to collective progress, in particular as a Co-Convenor in Workstream 9.

Germany welcomes that Minister Sigrid Kaag has taken on the role of the Eminent Person of the Grand Bargain. We commend her commitment and stand ready to support her in her endeavor to facilitate even more collective progress.

We welcome the efforts by the Facilitation Group, the Eminent Person and the Grand Bargain Secretariat to highlight achievements of the Grand Bargain and make progress more visible. In this respect we appreciate particularly that a new communication strategy has been drafted.

Apart from communicating better, we also need to consolidate and scale up progress already achieved. As a Co-Convenor of Workstream 9, we would like to draw attention to the successful conclusion of the pilot on harmonized reporting. The positive results of the final review of the pilot mean that we as a Grand Bargain community now have a well-tested harmonized reporting template (the so called 8+3 template). Scaling up progress in Workstream 9 is now up to the GB signatories. Harmonization only yields benefits if as many signatories as possible start using the 8+3 template as their reporting standard. Germany will expand the use of the 8+3 template from the three pilot countries to its NGO funding worldwide. Some other donors and UN agencies have already committed to expand the use as well. We call on all donors as well as UN agencies to join us and use the template as their standard format when asking for reporting from their partners. We also encourage larger international NGOs to consider using the template when channeling funding to national or local NGOs.