

Identify the unique selling points of each UN entity to ensure that the scope for a merger is unpacked in depth.

Call for a clear understanding of the issue of accounts and accountability – in relation to who takes control in the merger and how the processes would work. There is a sense that UNW would be subsumed under the UNFPA because of funding and power dynamics.

The issue of transparency and corporate funding demands further examination of the feasibility of activities. We recognize the need for tangible action items to accompany each critique/query.

This includes enforcement of the consequences – recognising the likelihood of consequences – how do we promote article 19 in adding weight to decisions and impact.

The rights, dignity and agency of women and girls must be taken into consideration as we address issues of mainstreaming and sidelining in the face of the current backlash. It must be clear that votes, resolutions and retention of 'autonomy' isn't sacrificed at the altar of defunding other programmes which currently include women; or in a merger that the identity of UN Women isn't lost. Women are more than reproductive health and rights, perhaps there is call to situate UNFPA within WHO.