Nicola Speranza
Secretary General

Please let me express my gratitude to the organizers of this event for making that possible: it is encouraging to see State representatives, the UN and civil society organizations working in transforming target 5.4 into reality. I represent a European NGO which gathers the most important catholic-inspired family associations in Europe. We have a participatory status with the Council of Europe and I am happy to bring a good news from this institution. In fact, the Council of Europe – with a resolution on Empowering women in the economy – now recognizes the value of unpaid work, with a focus on women who are mothers, especially asking the recognition of “unremunerated household and caregiving work in the pension system, so as to guarantee adequate financial coverage to women and men who take on caring responsibilities”.