



To the kind attention of:

Co-Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for FfD4  
Permanent Representatives and Observers to the United Nations in New York

Cc:

Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

June 11th, 2025

**RE: Lack of transparency in FfD4 Outcome Document's silence procedure**

Your Excellencies,

We, the [Civil Society Financing for Development \(FfD\) Mechanism](http://www.cssofarffd.org) have just learnt from the Co-Facilitators of the FfD4 negotiations that the FfD4 Outcome Document has been placed under silence procedure without official publication and therefore removed from public scrutiny.

This procedure exposes a lack of transparency and civic accountability which is completely unacceptable for an intergovernmental negotiation that is expected to provide strong systemic responses to the pressing problems faced by peoples and communities across the world, and particularly in the Global South.

We therefore demand the immediate public release of the text under silence procedure as circulated to UN Member States to ensure proper public scrutiny and engagement for the final stages of this critical negotiation. It is imperative for the United Nations to abide to the highest standards of participation and transparency – standards that have been seriously challenged by this entire negotiation process.

In the face of such an injustice to the energy, passion, knowledge and aspirations that civil society contributed throughout the process, it will be our prerogative to do everything in our powers to remove this unacceptable veil of secrecy and ensure public accountability over decisions that affect the reality of our people and communities.

Sincerely yours,

Coordination Group of the Civil Society Financing for Development Mechanism ([www.cssofarffd.org](http://www.cssofarffd.org))

*The governance system and working procedures of the Mechanism are available on the website along with the full list of the members of the Coordination Group, exposing its scope, extent and diversity.*