

Statement by H.E. Mr. José Luís Rocha
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1. I congratulate and welcome the appointment of PRs of South Africa and Belgium as co-facilitators of the above mentioned process;
2. Cabo Verde aligns itself with the Statement made by Equator on behalf of G77 and China;
3. I welcome the IATF on FfD Advanced Report that, once finished, will represent a solid contribution to prepare the conclusions and recommendations for the 2017 ECOSOC Forum on FfD follow-up;
4. As many others stated, I welcome a simultaneous substantive, comprehensive, concise and balanced Outcome document, finalized in time to be submitted and appreciated by the Forum;
5. That said, the outcome document, in line with and in order to represent a AAAA progress based document must address the following issues:
 - a) An update of the global assessment of the needs and funds required to implement the SDGs;
 - b) The existing gaps;
 - c) Special groups concern and specificities such as the LDCs, SIDS and MIC;
6. An achieved Agenda 2030 is an Agenda 2030 effectively implemented, leaving no one behind. To this end, the financing of SDGs remains a crucial and critical issue, since several evaluations refer to the existence of a major gap and that, according to current trends, SDGs will not be reached by the 2030 horizon;
7. Since the question has been raised, there is a need for clarification on the eligibility criteria of access to financing that take into account the specific economic and vulnerability of the SIDS;
8. A specific approach, not exclusive of Trade or Aid, is also required for MIC, namely low rent MIC. Instead, it should combine toward that category of countries, in one hand, a competitive line by way of strengthening trade and investments both the capacity and the opportunities and, in the other hand, a cooperative approach to assist the same countries building resilience in areas such climate change adaptation and environment, health and training;
9. Finally, there is need for a global and inclusive governance by all stakeholders, room for more coherence in addressing policies, funding modalities, priorities, mechanisms, instruments and eligibility in response to differentiated needs and capacities.