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The delegation of Belarus would like to briefly introduce its position on the subject of the discussion.

Mobilization of domestic resources is clearly a priority for Member States in addressing their own development and to ensure economic and social stability. In this case, we are in favor of a balanced approach on this issue.

Domestic resources is still far enough in the majority of developing countries, including middle-income countries, to solve the problem they are facing, including the future post-2015 development agenda. In particular, the last UN General Assembly resolution 68/222 on cooperation with MICs calls for addressing the needs of MICS in development not limited to the criteria of per capita income.

Official development assistance (ODA) is intended to complement the efforts of countries, and its role in this process is significant. It is important that the resources claimed by developed countries and enshrined in the Monterrey Consensus have become a reliable element of financing for development.

However, there is growing tendency of diminishing of the importance of ODA. Despite the stabilization and its growth, only 5 OECD Member States fulfill their commitments on financing for development.

ODA also often driven by compliance with specific political and economic demands. Moreover, used in a number of countries as its policy methods, it is significantly hamper the efforts of individual countries to ensure their development. First of all, it concerns the various unilateral coercive measures that limit full international economic cooperation for developing countries and does not stimulate the mobilization of domestic resources.

We expect that at a conference in Addis Ababa OECD member countries reaffirmed their commitment to providing 0.7% of GNP to finance development. In this regard, we support the position of the delegations of Sweden, Norway and the United Kingdom, which in their speeches called for this step, and do meet their obligations.

The delegation of Belarus believes that these elements should be included in the final document of the conference in Addis Ababa.