First drafting session on Financing for Development

Session “Building synergies with the post-2015 development agenda and other issues”

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Co-Facilitators,

I am pleased to deliver this statement on behalf of Colombia, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Romania as well as my own country Switzerland.

The current negotiations on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the Third International Conference on Financing for Development are a unique opportunity to define an ambitious universal agenda to set the world on a sustainable development path – and define tailored and adequate means of implementation and an enabling environment at all levels to ensure that goals can be actually implemented.

We welcome this session to develop a common understanding of how these two processes can be coherent and mutually supportive.

We consider that the following three questions could serve as a basis for our reflections:

First, what is the role of the Third International Conference on FfD in the overall Post-2015 development Agenda?
We consider the Third International Financing for Development outcome as an integral part of the overall Post-2015 Agenda. The Addis Ababa Conference should define a single, comprehensive, holistic, forward-looking implementation framework to achieve sustainable development, including a strategy to mobilize the financial and non-financial means to implement the SDGs.

In this sense, it is important that the paradigm shift from the MDGs to the SDGs is paralleled by a similar move from Financing for Development to Financing for Sustainable Development. Apart from assessing the progress and challenges in implementing the FFD commitments, The Addis Ababa outcome must provide the essential basis for the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda, address the three dimensions of sustainable development and make sure that all states as well as non-state actors contribute to sustainable development. This in our view is not yet sufficiently the case in the Elements paper.

Second, how can we best coordinate our efforts in the two processes?

We believe that the Third International Conference on FfD should be the main process to discuss the Means of Implementation and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

To coordinate the elaboration of the “what” and the “how” in the two processes, a regular dialogue between the two processes is needed. We welcome that the next two drafting sessions are followed back-to-back by negotiation sessions of the Post-2015 Agenda and hope that this will strengthen exchange between processes and delegations. We encourage innovative ideas to ensure coherence, for example to use the April session of the Post-2015 negotiations to discuss ideas of the Third International Conference on FfD process with relevant actors that will be in charge of implementing the SDGs.
Third, how will the Addis Ababa outcome be integrated into the Post-2015 Agenda?

We urge delegations to develop already at this early stage a common understanding of how the Addis Ababa outcome will be integrated into the Post-2015 Agenda. We consider the Addis Ababa outcome should detail key principles as well as define concrete deliverables on means of implementation for the SDGs. While the Elements paper encompasses SDG 17 and goal-specific Means of Implementation as outlined in the outcome of the Open Working Group, Addis Ababa gives us the opportunity to go a step further in developing a more comprehensive, systematic and specific understanding of the Means of Implementation in the context of Sustainable Development. Our ambition is that the Addis Ababa Outcome will form the new Global Partnership for the Post-2015 development agenda and will not need to be re-negotiated once agreement has been achieved in Addis.

In this context, we would like to reiterate the importance to ensure that a suitable follow-up and review mechanism for the Means of Implementation as defined in Addis Ababa will be part of a holistic Post-2015 follow-up and review framework. To this end, we also need to ensure a coherent approach to monitoring and review in the Post-2015 and the FfD processes including in the context of the reviews of the post 2015 framework that will take place during the High-level Political Forum under the auspices of ECOSOC.

Thank you.