

## Second Drafting Session on Third FfD Conference

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### *Civil society interventions on Section I – paragraphs 1-16*

*Statement delivered by Ms. Maria Bordallo Gil, Advocacy and Development Officer IPPF*

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Thank you Mr. Co-Facilitator

My name is Maria Bordallo. I represent the International Planned Parenthood Federation, Western Hemisphere Region, and I am speaking on behalf of the WWG on FFD and the broader CSO group working on FFD

We have suggestions for par 6 and par 8.

We partly welcome wording in para 6 and every other encompassing reference to ensure women's equal rights and their empowerment. However, we do not support the commodification of women as agents to improve profitability and competitiveness of business (as suggested in para 42). Women are subjects of human rights, which requires enabling conditions to ensure all their human rights are fulfilled and guaranteed.

Furthermore, there is no mention of dedicated resources for gender equality and women's empowerment as stated in both the Monterrey Consensus and Doha Declaration, so the language here is regressive.

We suggest that the para reads as it follows

“We reaffirm that gender equality and women’s **human rights** and empowerment are essential to achieve equitable and inclusive sustainable development. We reiterate that gender equality is a basic human right, a fundamental value and an issue of social justice; it is essential for poverty eradication, environmental sustainability and development effectiveness<sup>1</sup>. We commit to respect, protect and fulfil women’s human rights and to fulfil our commitments to gender mainstreaming into the formulation and implementation of development policies, including financing for development policies at all levels and in all sectors and we agree to implement policies to ensure women’s full access to and control over economic resources. We commit to dedicated resources and to ensure all national and sectoral plans and policies to achieve gender equality, the empowerment of women and that the realization of women’s and all people’s human rights, are fully costed and adequately resourced to ensure the effective implementation.”

We have 2 comments on Para. 8:

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<sup>1</sup> Doha Declaration quote.

Fourth sentence: “After the specific challenges facing the middle-income **countries we would like to include for which funding, including ODA, should be made available based on their actual needs and Structural Gaps and not based on an income per capita classification.**

Last sentence: “...We would like to see the inclusion of the **International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action**, along with the other Programmes of Action, mentioned in the last sentence.

Thank you

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*Statement delivered by Mr. Graham Gordon, Head of Public Policy, CAFOD and Society for International Development*

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Thank you Mr. Co-facilitator. My name is Graham Gordon and I am speaking on behalf of CAFOD, the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, and as a part of a broad coalition of civil society organisations (CSOs).

I have concrete suggestions on four specific paragraphs.

In para 7 to keep consistency with the overall document, we suggest that national financing frameworks are renamed national sustainable development financing frameworks.

We welcome the wording that each country has responsibility for its own economic and social development policies and suggest additional wording that all countries reaffirm their commitment to development effectiveness principles, including democratic ownership and country leadership, as underpinning the approach to sustainable development.

Still in this para, we suggest that additional language is added to include the need for policy coherence so that all outcomes from the Addis Ababa Accord contribute towards not only meeting the SDGs but to a transition towards zero fossil fuel emissions and no nuclear-based development pathways that will support action being taken to tackle climate change in the UNFCCC process.

With regards to Paragraph 12 on investments for rural development, please add, "Investing in community led responses to local and global challenges based on an integrated multi-sectoral approach to sustainable development will increase resiliency and ensure that no one is left behind and all people's basic human needs can be met. Support for development efforts and mechanisms at the regional level, along with associated training programs, can also provide the means to build capacity and provide the resources, services, and learning needed by all peoples and communities in an efficient and effective manner."

In para 13 we welcome the commitment to ensure that projects are environmentally, socially and economically sustainable and suggest that in relation to infrastructure financing needs, language be included to clarify that any new initiative should be based within the UN

In para 14 we welcome the recognition that public policies must provide the enabling environment, as well as the policy framework and incentives to ensure that private investment is aligned with sustainable development, norms and standards.

We suggest that language is added to emphasise that governments and their citizens are the principle drivers in development, and to commit governments to agree a set of sustainable development principles – with clear accountability mechanisms - that will be applied to all development finance, including public-backed private finance, to ensure that it has the maximum contribution to sustainable development.

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*Statement delivered by Ms. Bhumika Muchhala, Senior Policy Analyst, Finance and Development Programme Third World Network*

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Co-Facilitators and Member states, thanks for this opportunity to contribute. The opening paragraphs set the tone of the zero draft. There should be an acknowledgement of the the **global financial crisis of 2007-8 and the years of economic recession** that have ensued. The urgency of today's multiple crises, ranging from finance, climate, inequality, food and financialisation, and the implications this has for each chapter and thematic section of the Financing for Development zero draft must be rightfully invoked.

**In paragraph 4, additional language to explain how developing countries have been affected by the 2007-8 crisis is important.** Such language could include mention to developing countries being affected through significantly reduced growth rates, decline in commodity process and export earnings, external debt and external financing difficulties, and growing current account deficits.

Mention could also be made to the following aspects: (i) **Inequality** has increased between countries and within many countries both during the growth and crisis years, and poverty and hunger persist amid great plenty for some. (ii) **Shocks** from economic crises, conflict, natural disasters, and disease outbreaks spread rapidly in our highly interconnected world. (iii) **Environmental concerns, climate change and other global risks** threaten to undermine past successes and future prospects.

**Paragraph 6 should make a reference to the importance of actionable deliverables**, which need to be strengthened throughout the document. Without an action agenda in Addis Ababa, the very legitimacy of the post-2015 development agenda is also in jeopardy. The language on "ensuring women's equal rights, access and opportunities," should be preceded by language on "providing financing for actions" as well.

**In paragraph 7, industrialization should be considered as a key part of the overall development process.** There is an emphasis in this paragraph on "integrated national financing frameworks." This should be removed as many countries do not have nor do they know what it means. This ought to be replaced by the reference to "**the provision of means of implementation**," especially finance and technology transfer, to support developing countries. (Otherwise there is no reference to concrete delivery of means of implementation being an overarching goal of Addis Ababa).

**Paragraph 8 is an extremely important paragraph that should make the case for the global partnership for sustainable development and the framework of international development cooperation.** The particular sentence, "*Our national strategies must be supported by a new global partnership for sustainable development, based on efforts and*

*responsibilities shared by all, taking into account different national realities and needs and the differentiated impacts of national policies on global sustainable development prospects,”* **redefines the concept of global partnership for development** which has always stressed the obligations of developed countries to assist and support developing countries, and the need to reform the unequal world economic structures and governance that disadvantage developing countries.

The above sentence does not reaffirm developed countries’ obligations to developing countries and instead removes the distinction between developed and developing countries through phrases “*shared by all*” and “*differentiated impacts of national policies on global sustainable development prospects.*”

The erasure of this distinction removes a historical perspective and the historical responsibilities of developed countries. It also removes a distinction between developed and developing countries and changes the definition of the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDR). Therefore this whole line should be deleted and replaced with language that refers to a **commitment to an enhanced and strengthened global partnership for development which will contribute to the required enabling international economic environment, and which will support and assist developing countries with implementing their national development plans and actions.**

**Paragraph 11** is a very significant paragraph that commits all countries to a new social compact, comprising social protection and public services. **However, to respect the principle of international development cooperation and the Monterrey Consensus outcome, international support for developing countries as part of the means of implementation and global partnership is crucial to include in this paragraph.**

Additionally, there can be problems with private funding distorting or skewing internationally agreed goals or the work of international organisations and nationally priorities. Therefore a phrase such as “*in accordance with international agreed goals and nationally determined priorities*” should be added.