

UK Statement for “general views” discussion in Financing for Development Conference 2nd drafting session – April 13

- Thank you very much.
- The UK aligns itself with the remarks from the European Union on behalf of the EU and its Member States.
- We would first like to join others in thanking the Co-Facilitators for your hard work and leadership over the past weeks and months. You don't have an easy job and we greatly appreciate your efforts. We will continue to rely on your leadership and hard work going forward.
- The UK welcomes the zero draft as an acceptable basis for discussion. There is much to appreciate in it. However, we do have a few points to make.
- First, we think the draft could do more to emphasise the importance of policy measures, effective institutions and the enabling environment. These things are at the core of an effective means of implementation for sustainable development, and we think they deserve greater attention in the text.
- Second, we think the draft could place greater stress on the universality of the agenda, which is a new feature of our work on financing for development and means that our agenda is now shared by all countries and all actors, at national and international level.
- Third, we think there could be more attention to the specific challenges for countries affected by conflict and to the links between development and humanitarian finance. We have an excellent opportunity through the FFD track to address current and emerging challenges in humanitarian finance in particular, and we should take it.

- Fourth, we think the outcome document could go further in highlighting the synergies between poverty eradication, action on climate change and sustainable development. They are all closely linked, and there are co-benefits for all from action in one.
- We will be happy to offer specific proposals on all these issues.
- Finally, Mr. Co-Facilitator, we agree that the zero draft should cover the post-2015 means of implementation so that a substantial Addis outcome can become the Mol pillar of the post-2015 framework.
- We therefore welcome the fact that the zero draft covers – and in many cases builds upon and takes further – the content of Goal 17 and many of the issues covered in the goal by goal Mol of the OWG report.

Thank you very much.