South Africa

General Comments

1. In resolution A/Res/68/204, the GA decided to convene the third international conference on financing for development in 2015 or 2016. This conference is long overdue since developing countries have been asking, in the past, for the convening of it. It would therefore be important if this conference could be held in 2015 (in June) before the ongoing UN processes on post-2015 development agenda are concluded.

2. The Third International Conference on FfD should address financing for development in general. Development is broader than the Post-2015 Development Agenda. The Third International Conference should focus on assessing progress in relation to the six aspects of the 2002 Monterrey Consensus and 2008 Doha Declaration.

3. The conference should ideally take place over a period of three days - This would allow sufficient time to deliberate on financing for development. Moreover, countries cannot send their principals to attend a one day conference.

4. Various processes covering development financing should be brought together in an integrated manner so that there is coherence and coordination and avoid duplication when addressing this issue.

5. It would also be important that the conference results in an outcome document rather that a summary from Chairperson presiding over it. Moreover, the conference should be held at a high level such as Ministerial Level.

6. Request that the note on the organization of the work of the conference, the provisional agenda, as well as the rules of procedures be made available on time to have enough time to prepare for the conference.