

**G77 Positions in regard to the FFD Informal consultations
to be held on Tuesday 13 May 2014.**

1. Preamble: The Group supports the proposal by the facilitators.

2. Date: The Group supports Option 1 and is in favor of the Conference being held in the first half of 2015, preferably in June. There is need to have the conference before the Summit, to assess financing needs of the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. As expressed earlier the group insists on holding the FFD conference in the first half of 2015 in order to fully coordinate both intergovernmental processes of negotiations, i.e. the post-2015 development agenda and the financing for development, as they are both part of a single undertaking in favor of a new paradigm for international economic relations and development cooperation. We do not see any added value of the Conference if it is to be held in 2016 after the adoption of the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

3. Duration: The group favors a period of 5 days following the precedence of the Monterrey and Doha conferences and taking into account the chapters that need to be addressed.

4. Scope: as given in 68/204 paragraph, in particular para 40. For the Group the main reason for this conference is given in paragraph 43 as follows:

“to assess the progress made in the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and the Doha Declaration, to reinvigorate and strengthen the financing for development follow-up process, to identify obstacles and constraints encountered in the achievement of the goals and objectives agreed therein, as well as actions and initiatives to overcome these constraints, and to address new and emerging issues, including in the context of the recent multilateral efforts to promote international development cooperation, taking into account the current evolving development cooperation landscape, the interrelationship of all sources of development finance, the synergies between financing objectives across the three dimensions of sustainable development, as well as the need to support the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015”;

In addition the group is of the opinion that an important element for the scope of the conference is given in para 41, whereby is stated that the report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, proposing options on an effective sustainable development financing strategy to facilitate the mobilization of resources and their effective use in achieving sustainable development objectives will be a contribution to the financing for development follow-up process as well as to an intergovernmentally agreed United Nations development agenda beyond 2015”;

The Group is further of the view that the chapters in the Monterrey and Doha outcome should be followed for the outcome of the conference, without prejudging the substance that they will contain.

5. Format: The Group emphasizes that the Conference should be inclusive for all States and not just UN Member States to guarantee full participation.

In regard to participation of other relevant stakeholders the group suggests to follow the agreed language in the SIDS Conference Resolution.

The group is of the view that the outcome should be an intergovernmentally agreed and negotiated outcome document.

6. Organization: Because of the timing of the conference urgency is of the essence. However the group is of the view that the preparation process could benefit from involvement of delegates from capitals. In this regard the group suggests a hybrid between options 1 and 2, to include prep coms, intergovernmental consultations, and informal consultations. If this organizational format would be followed then we could have a 1st Prep Com between September and October 2014, a 2nd PrepCom between March and April of 2015.

Also because of urgency we suggest that the modalities resolution should already include a decision on the dates of these meetings such as was the case in the LLDCs Conference modalities resolution.

7. Location: (The Group is considering the endorsement of the offer by Ethiopia, pending a request from Colombia to the Chair for more time to consider this issue.)