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I would like to highlight two critical elements that we hope will be important building blocks of the follow-up process:

1. Multi-stakeholder process: As has distinctly characterized the Financing for Development process, we look forward to the FfD follow-up process to continue to be multi-stakeholder, whereby civil society and private sector engagement is upheld and facilitated. Equally important is to ensure that this multi-stakeholder nature of the process be upheld even on the road to the Third Financing for Development Conference. We look forward to entering a constructive dialogue during the upcoming civil society hearings. With respect to these hearings, we highlight the importance of allowing voices of all civil society to be heard. Allocating adequate resources to facilitate particularly those civil society groups that would not be able to be heard without such support is essential.

2. Maximising the potential of the Financing for Development agenda: We believe that the follow-up process should particularly build on the so-far untapped potential of the FfD agenda to be the space for all countries to enter into dialogue, reach common understandings and agreements on financial issues. Working groups on specific themes, multi-stakeholder dialogues and expert forums are examples of how this can be done. Beyond open-ended discussions, efforts should be sought to build consensus which in turn could be brought into the High Level Political Forum in order to ensure coherence and interlinkages between all processes that aim to realize sustainable development.