

I would like to thank the co-facilitators for convening today's meeting and to assure you of the full support and positive engagement of my delegation.

The Addis Ababa Action Agenda was a milestone agreement. It built firmly on Monterrey and Doha, while adding important features to further ensure mobilisation of resources for sustainable development. The ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development is one of them. It is our pleasure to discuss the "intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations" of the first Forum in this process.

Since this is the first consultation, today we would like to make preliminary comments on the way to move forward.

1. Our starting point is that our agreement is quite clear in AAAA itself. Should there be doubt, we should always go back to the AAAA text. We believe that the text provides answers to some of the questions posed by the co-facilitators.
2. In this discussion, we should be conscious of the fact that the discussion in relation to the High Level Political Forum is underway. Since the "agreed conclusions and recommendations" are to be "fed into" the overall follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the HLPF, we should avoid duplication of efforts as much as possible.
3. Our understanding of this process is that it will focus on the "agreed conclusions and recommendations" of this year. Since the FfD Forum is taking place in less than 3 weeks, we should really focus on the positive developments since our Ministers agreed on the document in Addis.
4. The document should be a very concise and impactful one. We are thinking of one or two pages at most.
5. We should not do cherry-picking certain items from the AAAA. The document should be followed-up holistically. We should not forget that the Forum is supposed to cover both AAAA and MOI of SDGs.
6. Lastly, the text of AAAA provides grounds to believe that the process undertaken by ECOSOC in preparing for the forum this year has been the right one, as this Forum is an "annual ECOSOC Forum,"

Thank you.