



STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIXTH SESSION OF THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA: FOLLOW UP AND REVIEW (New York, 24 June 2015)

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Follow up and review.

- The Group of 77 thanks the co-facilitators for the proposals on follow up and review as contained in the zero-draft.
- We believe that this area in the zero-draft requires some work to reflect a balance of views expressed at the last session that we had on this matter a few weeks ago. Our view is that the proposal is intrusive as it seeks to prescribe how governments should conduct follow-up and review without giving due regard to the different realities, circumstances and constitutional frameworks in different countries. The Group furthermore is of the view is that national governments assess their own implementation on a voluntary basis and in light of their respective national realities. What is required is follow up and review arrangements that are flexible enough to take the aforementioned realities into account.
- We recognize the need to ensure system wide coherence and coordination of sustainable development policies, including the need for adequate linkages to the follow up and review of UN Conferences related to sustainable development. These include those on LDCs, SIDS, LLDCs, and countries in special situations, that have been highlighted. This is an important contribution to alleviating the reporting burden on States and duplication of efforts
- The Group of 77 has always maintained that emphasis in this area should be on follow-up on the means of implementation at global level with a focus on ODA commitments, technology transfer, and capacity building. The idea is to create space for our development partners to account on the delivery of the means of implementation while also allowing all states to undertake an assessment of progress in the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.
- We believe that the inputs submitted by the Group in the last session could serve as a basis for the follow-up and review process and can be utilized to address some of these concerns that the Group has expressed today. Resolution 67/214 and 67/290 are very clear on the basic modalities for the follow-up and review.
- The Group will continue to study the table that seeks to indicate how the follow-up and review could work at various levels as reflected in the zero draft. This indeed was a useful framework that will help guide our discussion on this matter.

I thank you.