Intergovernmental negotiations on the Post-2015 agenda Statement by Denmark on Means of Implementation and Global Partnership

Delivered by DPR, Ambassador Peter Lehman Nielsen 23 July 2015

Mr. Co-facilitator,

Denmark aligns itself with the statement made by the EU on behalf of the EU and its member states. In my national capacity, I will now address four aspects related to section 3 on Means of Implementation and Global Partnership.

Firstly, Denmark welcomes the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. The outcome is the result of intense negotiations between many of the same people as are seated in the room today. It is an outcome where we all had to give in on certain issues. Compromises are at the basis of all of our work here at the UN. Nobody gets everything they want but through compromises we are able to reach broader common aims - such as the ambitious ones set out in this agenda.

Enforced by the fact that the Addis Agenda was a consensus compromise, we see the Addis Agenda as a strong outcome that comprises the Means of Implementation for the Post-2015 agenda and form the foundation of the Global Partnership. On this basis, we support the inclusion of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda in an annex as you had suggested in the final zero draft. We suggest to endorse and state in the opening section that the Addis Ababa Action Agenda is an integral part of the new agenda.

Secondly, Denmark sees the Means of Implementation pillar of the post-2015 agenda being comprised of both the Addis Ababa Action Agenda and the Means of Implementation Goal and targets proposed by the Open Working Group.

As mentioned in my statement yesterday on the goals and targets, we note that the Means of Implementation Goal and targets are presently reflected twice – both in chapter two and three. We do not see the need for this repetition as this document should be seen as an integrated whole for the entire post-2015 agenda. We welcome the discussion today on the arguments for placing the Means of Implementation goals and targets one or the other place. For Denmark it is crucial that the integrity of the goals and targets proposed by the Open Working Group is respected and maintained as I believe was mentioned by Pakistan earlier today. Likewise we do not see the need to selectively reference parts of the Addis Agenda in the section 3 except welcoming the launch of the technology facilitation mechanism by using the Addis language.

Thirdly, we support the statement by Sweden on the importance of reflecting gender equality, both as a goal and as Means of Implementation, and also including a strong multi-stakeholder and human rights approach in the Means of Implementation context.

And finally, Mr. Co-facilitator, the full implementation of the new agenda requires an integrated process of follow up and review for both the Addis Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals and targets. Only by tracking progress and identifying challenges on both goals and targets as well as the means of implementation will we be able to eradicate poverty and have sustainable development by 2030.

Thank you.