



PHILIPPINES

STATEMENT

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Mr. Co-Facilitator,

The Philippines associates itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of South Africa on behalf of the G 77 and China. I am making this statement in my national capacity.

We emphasize that the thrust of the new agenda takes into account national capacities, realities and levels of development. Hence, countries may identify the specific goals and targets they can commit to, which does not necessarily mean that they are not ambitious enough by their own standards.

We have specific comments, suggestions and request for clarifications on the different goals and targets which we will submit in writing. An example is consistency with existing agreements/conventions such as the following:

- On 3.4: We may consider consistency with the Global Action Plan on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases.
- On 11.b: We would like to clarify if the “forthcoming Hyogo Framework” mentioned here refers to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030. If so, the Sendai Framework would allow the extension of the target 11.1 timeframe to 2030. Targeting the adoption of DRR at an earlier date maybe ideal given its urgency.

As regards data, monitoring and accountability in order to ensure that SDGs are successful and transformative, we point to the need to clarify and establish well-defined operational definitions of a number of terms such as pre-primary, affordable, substantial support, priority species, among others.

Further, the draft SDGs fail to adequately integrate across sectors. There are too many separate categories and indicators which hinder the comprehensive understanding needed for sustainable development. It may also be useful to look at the challenges stated by Hsu and Zomer on data science.

We also underscore the need for capacity building to strengthen statistical agencies.

Finally, we look forward to a report from the UN Statistical Commission on the progress of their work.

Thank you, Mr. Co-Facilitator