

Distinguished Cochairs

We want to thank both of you and the Secretariat for the tremendous efforts made to bring this document to us, resulting of many many hours of work and intergovernmental negotiations. Nevertheless, our delegation would like to express its disagreement to two paragraphs and present its reservation to them.

Regarding the concept of "modern energy for all", which is reflected in the title of Goal 7 and in the target 7.1., we reserve this concept as we did in the final document of Rio+20 "The Future We Want", because modern energy, in our view, involves the use of new technologies without the necessary evaluation of its application in a national context and priorities and technological development.

Also Mr Cochairs, Venezuela makes reservation of the target 12.c. As pointed out in the Conference of Rio+20, for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, on the basis of the Constitution of 1999, the reference to the removal of subsidies for fossil fuels, have an interventionist character in the State public policies and therefore we do not accept its relationship with any of the "Sustainable Development Goals". Venezuela will not accept any kind of evaluation, monitoring, reporting and review of our national energy policies and measures that involve an affectation to our national sovereignty. That paragraph also is further away and modifies substantially the lines agreed in the Johannesburg Plan of Action 2002. We also want to support the position stated by the Arab countries on the matter of foreign occupation.

Finally, it is appropriate to recall once again that Venezuela is not part to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, UNCLOS, and the no objection to the texts adopted at this document cannot be interpreted as a change of position on the said Convention.

We kindly request that this Statement becomes an integral part of the adoption report of the final document of the Group

Thank you

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