



New York, 18 March 2014

Excellency,

We are encouraged that the focus areas document was accepted by all as the basis for our continued work. As agreed, we have made light revisions to the document, in an effort to reflect the views we heard at the ninth session of the Open Working Group, while keeping it essentially intact. We have separated the interlinkages into an annex.

As much as the focus areas document captures the broad span of views, it is incumbent on the Open Working Group to move forward. In particular, we see merit in focussing our attention on the ultimate objective of developing a set of goals and targets. To this end, and as agreed, we propose that at the forthcoming tenth session the Group engage in a structured discussion, with more in-depth consideration of clustered focus areas and their respective sub-areas, as set out in the attached programme of work.

Following the very productive general exchange of views at the last session, and the twelve months of stock-taking discussions which are now complete, we invite the members of the Open Working Group to initiate an in-depth consideration of the focus areas with a view to consolidating and clustering them wherever possible, with an eye to formulating goals and targets.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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