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### **Means of implementation**

#### SI-MNE speaking points for 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of OWG SDGs

- During previous sessions we have already discussed many issues, important for sustainable development. We have heard several proposals for actions, goals and indicators that will guide all of us to better, more sustainable future. Today, we're discussing means on how to achieve sustainable development at the global level.
- Allow me to firstly point out our belief that actions of all parts of societies are needed to achieve sustainable development. Not only governments, that have primary responsibility to establish enabling environment and regulatory framework, but also other parts of societies, from businesses to science communities, research and development institutions and civil societies need to contribute to our common goal. At the end, each of us can contribute and only through strong partnerships we can achieve the transition towards sustainable and inclusive societies.
- In this regard, we would like to point out that science and scientific cooperation can have a tremendous impact on our possibilities for achieving sustainable development. Scientific institutions in all parts of the world have knowledge that helps us to better understand challenges ahead and to form appropriate answers and policies. In this context, the technology transfer, which should be based on mutually agreed terms, remains important instrument for bridging the gap between science and policy in each of the countries as well as among countries at different stages of technological advancement.
- We would also like to stress the primary responsibility of each state for its own sustainable development. Each country on its own has to determine its priorities and tools through which it will achieve sustainable development. Hence, building capacities, both administrative and technical, needs to be in the focus of our activities at all levels.
- In recent years our societies are witnessing tremendous transformations. The need to effectively address environmental degradations is already urgent if we want to ensure further development within planetary boundaries. We have also been facing profound changes in our economies. As professor Bhattacharya pointed out at our last session, emerging economies and developing countries represent more than 50% of global economy. On the other hand – as it was also pointed out during our last session – growth of green technologies, jobs and industries is also rising.
- We believe that the new, universal post-2015 agenda that we help to develop also in this group, must promote sustainable development and strive to eradicate poverty. To achieve those goals, a true global partnership is needed. We should all be responsible for achieving our common vision.

- Achieving sustainable development and eradicating poverty won't be an easy task and we'll have to combine our efforts and available means of implementation, from domestic and international public and private sources, which all should be understood as complementary, not substitutes to each other.
- In this regard we're looking forward to continuation of work and final report of Expert Committee on Sustainable Development Financing Strategy. We believe that their expert knowledge and findings will provide us with valuable outcome for our further work.
- Allow me to point out our position that SDGs should be formulated through human rights based approach. As we have stressed already at previous sessions, that respect for human rights is an important prerequisite for achieving sustainable development.
- Before I conclude, I would like to recall our general position towards the elaboration of SDGs that should be evidence-based and have measurable qualitative and quantitative indicators that will help to ensure full implementation of the visions we are certain we will create together in this process.