

Statement on behalf of Colombia and Guatemala
Water and sanitation
sustainable agriculture, food security and nutrition
April 1, 2014

Dear Co-Chairs:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our views. We also align ourselves to the G77 statement, would also support CARICOMs statement and their views expressed on MOI per goal.

On behalf of Guatemala and Colombia allow us to make very specific comments on the two focus areas under discussion this afternoon.

We have called on reducing the number of focus areas, we believe that the two focus areas discussed this afternoon need to be self standing goals. Yet, we do need to prioritize and choose the most important targets that will synthesize and capture most transformative change. We should be able to choose 5 or 6 targets under each proposed goal.

Also, we need to reduce the number of targets, currently we have 13 targets under water and sanitation and 15 under agriculture, thus we need to do the not so glamorous job of choosing and prioritizing.

Mr. Co-Chair:

On water and sanitation

It is our view that on the future goal on water and sanitation we fully support the first 5 proposed targets, that is from A to E.

Some of the other targets proposed can fall under other goals.

We do not think Item F is necessary, but if it all reflected in the next draft then we would support the formulation made by Brazil and Nicaragua regarding current language of item F.

On Sustainable Agriculture, food security and nutrition

We would like to highlight 6 targets that we consider are the priorities:

1. We support **target a** as proposed
2. We also support **Target b** and we would like to add that “ending wasting and anemia”
3. INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY BY X%, WITH A FOCUS ON SUSTAINABLY INCREASING SMALL HOLDER YIELDS AND PROMOTING CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE AND ACCESS TO IRRIGATION

4. HALT AND REVERSE LAND DEGRADATION, DROUGHT AND DESERTIFICATION

5. ADOPT SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL OCEAN AND FRESHWATER FISHERY PRACTICES AND REBUILD DESIGNATED FISH STOCKS TO SUSTAINABLE LEVELS

6. REDUCE POST HARVEST LOSS AND FOOD WASTE BY X%

The references to market access, technology transfer and subsidies and capacity building should be under the MOI section of each goal.