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Talking Points

Focus Area 18: Means of Implementation / Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

- In order for us to monitor progress being made on SDGs, the set of goals must be supported by good recorded quality data mainly at the indicator level. We therefore stress that means of implementation for SDGs need to include appropriate capacity building for monitoring and reporting. Consequently, we support items (L) and (m) although the two may be merged. Likewise, items (f) and (g) under the section on global partnerships on sustainable development may be merged and streamlined.
- Our experience with MDG8 on global partnership for development indicates that for an SDG on means of implementation and global partnerships to be effective, it needs to be focused and action oriented. It also needs to be reflective of various international discussions currently underway on innovative international financing for development
- We appreciated the joint meeting with the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing during the 9th session of the OWG and look forward to hearing more about their findings. To this end, we think it is important and we look forward to the matrix prepared by ICESDF on existing means of implementation and resource mobilization as well as to the overall report of the committee of Experts on the financing for sustainable development. We are of the view that such a matrix will be very helpful for member states as they move on with their discussions on the Means of implementation for Sustainable Development Goals and Targets
- Creation of an enabling environment – particularly in developing countries – is important. Development and transfer of technology, with a robust intellectual property rights framework, is critical in realizing sustainable development. Equally important is further facilitation of foreign direct investment and trade- a universal, open and rules based, equitable trading system-, while capacity building is a critical cross-cutting. Scaling up of financial resources is a priority and the role of ODA will still be crucial for the implementation of the SDG framework. We therefore believe that (b) may be one of the potential targets. Development effectiveness is also key so enhancing accountability as in action area (c) is necessary.
- We propose the following action area to be added “mobilizing domestic resources including for infrastructure investment.”

