Republic of the Sudan

Permanent Mission to the United Nations New York





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Excellencies,

The delegation of the Republic of the Sudan would like to reaffirm its acknowledgement to the tireless efforts exerted by the co-chairs, and the wise leadership has been showed during the sessions of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. However, the delegation of Sudan would like to refer to all its interventions and comments during the last meeting of the Open Working Group on SDGs, which was held from 14-19 July 2014, and our repeated request that the below mentioned reservations are to be registered as part of the official records and the report of the Open Working Group of SDGs.

1. Goal (5)

In target 5.6, the delegation of the Republic of the Sudan disassociates itself from the term "Reproductive Right", and prefers the agreed language of Rio+20, which ends at "Sexual and Reproductive Health". The Republic of the Sudan believes that Rio+20 outcome document should be the core and base of negotiation regarding Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

2. Goal (16)

The delegation of Sudan regrets that the issue of "ending all forms of foreign occupation and colonial domination", wasn't included in target 16.3 under "peaceful societies" as initially proposed by South Africa. The delegation of Sudan believes that people living under foreign occupation shouldn't be deprived from their right to development.

The delegation of Sudan also regrets not seeing any reference to the proposal made by Russia on adding "illegal unilateral economic sanctions", despite the fact that our delegation raised the same concern, especially that this specific issue has been one of the core, and major reasons that severely affected the country's economy and its development for almost two decades.

The delegation of the Republic of the Sudan, would like once more to request that the mentioned reservations to be registered in the official records and the report of the Open Working Group of SDGs.

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

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