



**MISIÓN PERMANENTE DEL ESTADO PLURINACIONAL DE BOLIVIA
ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS**

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Excellency,

At the Outset, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, member of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and engagement of all Member States and the Co-Chairs on the Open Working Group throughout all the meetings.

However, we would like to refer to all our interventions and comments during the last meeting of the Open Working Group on SDGs, and our request to register and include our reservation as part of the official records and report of the Open Working Group of SDGs.

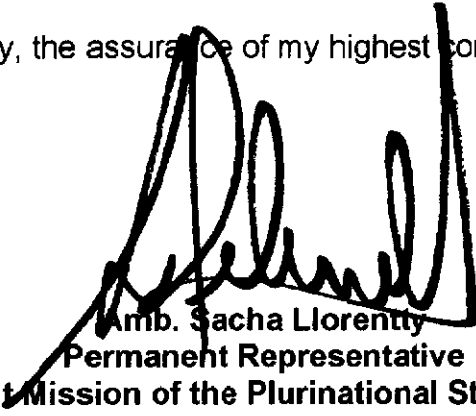
In this context we reiterate that Bolivia has presented its legal reservation to paragraph 225 of the Declaration of Rio +20 as it follows: *"The Plurinational State of Bolivia reserves its position with respect to paragraph 225 of this declaration concerning the rationalizing of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies because that implies restructuring our system of taxation and subsidies and is contrary to the Constitution of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, since it would interfere with decisions of a strictly sovereign nature. In addition, implementation of that paragraph might imply imposition, outside interference, potentially binding commitment and external conditionality with respect to international cooperation, which is why it should not be linked in future to the so-called "sustainable development goals". Moreover, we will not accept any kind of evaluation, monitoring, review or revision of our national energy measures and policies that would impinge on our sovereignty"*.

We have made proposals of texts in order to contribute to improve the text to be included in the SDGs reflecting our intention to accommodate different views and to look for consensus but it is not possible for our delegation to accept a target that from our perspective undermines our sovereignty in defining decisions related to structures of taxation and energy policies in the frame of sustainable development and poverty eradication.

Therefore, our Delegation would like to express our disagreement with the target 12.C and reiterates its RESERVATION to the mentioned target in line with the reservation presented in reference to the mentioned paragraph of the declaration entitled "The Future We Want".

In this sense, this Permanent Mission once again requests that the mentioned reservation to be registered in the official records and the report of the Open Working Group of SDGs.

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



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