



**MISIÓN PERMANENTE DE MÉXICO**  
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**General Statements and Declaration**

- Mexico expresses its gratitude to the co-facilitators for their work in the integration of the Zero Draft.
- The **text is a good starting point** for the integration of a **transformative and ambitious** agenda that contains the essential elements for achieving long-term sustainable and inclusive development. Particularly, I would like to give a special welcome to the final section regarding the call for action to change the World. We are deciding on the guiding principles that guide international action for the next 15 years. Deciding on the kind of international community we want to be a part off.
- We thank for that this exercise will give countries the opportunity to express their visions on contents of the Zero Draft.
- Mexico proposes to **review and include** in the declaration some **elements that are not included in the Zero Draft**, considering the universal, transformative, integrated and indivisible character of the targets:
  - The concept of **multidimensional poverty**, that considers social needs beyond income, despite of being considered in the SDGs, it is not reflected in the text of the Declaration.
  - **Social inclusion**, as a means to achieve equality and development, has been presented as a central point in the agenda; yet it has lost its centrality in the Declaration's project.

- The **adequate balance between the three dimensions of development**: the Zero Draft does not consider with the same balance the environmental component.
  - **Migration** is a phenomenon that contributes to development. For Mexico, it is a priority to recognize the respect the human rights of migrants (A/Res/68/4, paragraph 8, Declaration of the II United Nations High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development). Unfortunately, the Declaration considers migration as a problem. Disregarding the benefits of migration, is a matter of high concern.
  - We recognize that peaceful societies are essential for development. (Para. 28). However, we are concerned that only corruption and weak governance are the explanatory factors. Illicit Financial flows, trafficking of illicit weapons, human trafficking and other phenomena recognized in the SDGs are also factors that lead to violence, insecurity and injustice.
  - Since these **elements are included in the goals**, it is important for Mexico to ensure consistency in all components of the new development framework.
  - It is also important to **strengthen the linkage and coherence between the goals and the international commitments** on human rights, non-discrimination, gender equality and the environment.
- We will have to make clear the aspirational character of the agenda, as established in paragraph 2 of the SDGs and goals section.
  - It is essential that the Post-2015 Agenda is an action-oriented development framework, which translates the SDGs into global commitments and national priorities.
  - Therefore, the Political Declaration should contribute to strengthening inclusive approaches for all people, in particular for the most marginalized and excluded; this will require national implementation by all countries. In this sense, we believe it is important to strengthen the call for the work that parliamentarians and local governments should make.
  - Mexico reiterates that economic and social inclusion must be the guiding principle of the targets, leading to the successful achievement of sustainable and inclusive development.