

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the Co-Chairs for having guided us for one and half years.

When we started this task our ambition was to have a set of goals and targets which are truly transformative and inclusive. We believe that our ambition level has reached satisfactory level.

On the other hand, unfortunately, it is hard to say that we have agreed to a set of goals and targets which are concise, easy to communicate and tweetable.

From my country's viewpoint, we have several serious concerns with the current texts on the para 5 and para 8 of the chapeau, goal 13 on climate change, goal 16 on peaceful societies, means of implementation and para 14.6 on fisheries subsidies. Notably on climate change we would like to stress that nothing in this text will prejudice the outcome of climate change negotiation.

We had a long journey, and we should finish the first phase. We should go into the next phase. Towards the adoption of post 2015 development agenda, we will have the option from Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Finance, Synthesis report by Secretary General and the process for FfD.

Based on these outcomes and processes, we will continue to work in the intergovernmental negotiations for post 2015 agenda so that we will be able to establish the agenda which can be implemented with various stakeholders.

Japan will continue to be engaged in, work hard for and contribute to the process.

Having said this, today thanking the Co-Chairs, I would like to support the intention of the Co-Chairs to move forward.

Last but not least, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to my colleagues of our troika, Iran and Nepal. We did not have coordination of policies, but we do have cooperation and friendship.