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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF ECUADOR

I speak on behalf of Bolivia and Ecuador.

Bolivia and Ecuador have presented its legal reservation to paragraph 225 of the Declaration of Rio +20, since this may be contrary to the provisions of the various articles of our Constitutions and therefore national laws and have also stated that any assessment, monitoring, reporting and review of our national energy policies and measures including our taxation structures affects our national sovereignty and is not accepted.

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 context of sustainable development and poverty eradication.

Therefore, our Delegations would like to express our disagreement with the target 12.C and presents 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".

We kindly request to register our reservation.

Finally and in my national capacity, ECUADOR, I would like to express that my delegation interprets the language of the target 5.6 in accordance with the ICPD, with our constitution and national legislation.

Thank you.