

**Statement by the Representative of Armenia at the United Nations General Assembly:
Informal meetings of the plenary on stocktaking in the process of intergovernmental
negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda, pursuant to resolution 69/244 and decision
69/550**

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Mr. Co-facilitator,

Armenia welcomes the ongoing deliberations and the statements delivered since yesterday, as we successfully embarked on the intergovernmental negotiations to define the development agenda for the post-2015 world. We are encouraged by the level of commitment expressed by the distinguished speakers to an open, transparent and inclusive process of negotiations with a view to formulate a universal set of priorities that will work for all in helping us achieve the future we want.

We have come a long way and achieved a significant progress in the preparatory stage, through the process of broad consultations Armenia has been part of. As one of the 50 states involved in the facilitation of the global conversation on the post-2015, we have carried out nationwide consultations to ensure inclusive and participatory inputs from a large number of stakeholders, including representatives of public and private sector, civil society, women and youth. Our participation in this global initiative helped formulate a shared vision on the transformative agenda we will be negotiating in the upcoming months.

We believe that the process of intergovernmental negotiations should build on the progress already achieved, and we wish to highlight the need to remain committed to the inclusive nature of the process as we move closer to defining the conceptual framework of the key document that will outline the guiding principles and the general goals and objectives of the post-2015 development agenda.

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The ability to reach consensus on the conceptual framework of the Declaration through an open, transparent and inclusive participatory process, free of coercion and undue politicization, will be an important test for the power of multilateralism, and we emphasize the importance of reflecting on a specific commitment to promoting inclusive societies for all, in which every individual has an active role to play.

It is also crucial to reflect the importance of enhancing possibilities for inclusive and participatory review of the progress in the implementation of the goals and objectives of the post-2015, to ensure that everyone delivers on their commitments to promote sustainable development and to transform lives. Consistent monitoring and review of the conduct of inclusive policies by national governments should provide tangible benchmarks for assessing due progress. National governments and institutions promoting inclusive policies are equipped to sustain stable and participatory societies where diversity is a source of strength. By contrast, the policies of exclusion and discrimination undermine the sustainability of economic and social development, and coherent steps should be taken to eradicate such practices in the post-2015 world, whereby a mere generation of wealth without its equitable distribution is a primary source of exclusion, injustice and inequalities.

We believe, the Declaration of the Post-2015 agenda and the formulation of the development goals should duly reflect on the considerations of the long-term sustainability impact of inclusive development. We underline the importance of adopting the outcome document of the post-2015 agenda by consensus, as outlined in the respective decision of the General Assembly.

I thank you, Mr. Co-facilitator.