

Remarks by Counsellor Diyar Khan
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Development Agenda
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Distinguished Co-Facilitators,

I congratulate you on appointment as co-facilitators for the last and crucial leg of the intergovernmental negotiations on post-2015 development agenda. I wish you every success in this historic undertaking and assure you of our full cooperation.

My delegation fully associates itself with the statement delivered by South Africa on behalf of the group of 77 and China.

Co-Facilitators,

The finalization of the SDGs Report by the OWG and its adoption by the General Assembly was a major breakthrough and step forward in the post 2015 development process. Pakistan supports the SDGs report as the main basis of intergovernmental negotiations. It is our earnest hope that member states would not open this delicately balanced document.

We also thank the Secretary General for his comprehensive and substantive Synthesis Report, The Road to Dignity by 2030, and consider it as a useful input negotiations process.

Co-Facilitators,

Pakistan believes that the post-2015 development agenda should be, first and foremost, about development. It should prioritize the core developmental concerns of the developing countries. The goal of robust and inclusive economic growth is inextricably linked with eradication of poverty. The Goals on health, nutrition, education, clean drinking water, modern energy sources, transportation, housing and better infrastructure are some of our core priorities. Bridging inequalities at all levels, promoting gender equality and women empowerment, promoting sustainable consumption and production, and building peaceful societies are important goals are also worthy objectives to be pursued in the post 2015 development agenda. Protection of children is a cross-cutting issue, which should be addressed in all relevant goals and targets. In brief, Pakistan would like the OWG-recommended Goals and targets to be integrated in the post 2015 development agenda, in the manner they were agreed upon by member states.

The Declaration of the Post 2015 Agenda should be strong and comprehensive yet concise and focused. It should include all the principles outlined in the Chapeau of the SDGs Report, including the overarching right to development and the right to self-determination. New elements, if any, should be consistent with the spirit of the SDGs Report and the outcome of the major development summits, particularly the Rio+20. We would prefer a candid and realistic declaration, which should not be shy

of diagnosing the major socioeconomic ills of our time and indicate the right remedies.

In closing, I would like to once again stress the significance of credible and effective means of implementation. In this context, the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa assumes great significance. We hope that the Conference would engender generous financial commitments to ensure full and timely implementation of the Post 2015 Development Agenda and to deliver its promise to the masses.

In crafting out a truly transformative post 2015 development agenda, we must proceed from the premises of sacrifice and justice, with a view to ensuring equity and dignity for all. Justice demands that the post 2015 development agenda should address the structural causes of poverty and inequality, and should be implemented universally without discrimination, enshrining the principle of “Common But Differentiated Responsibilities” and full and active participation by all actors and stakeholders.

I thank you.