

Importance of review and monitoring - Wednesday 21 January 2015

Croatia aligns itself with the European Union statement made earlier and wishes to add the following in its national capacity on the topic of review and monitoring:

In order to ensure effective implementation of the Post-2015 agenda, it is necessary to develop and establish a strong monitoring and accountability framework. A comprehensive review mechanism will be of highest importance for the implementation of the Post-2015 Agenda. We believe that the High Level Political Forum on sustainable development is a universal platform that has all the prerequisites to host such a key oversight mechanism.

It is very important to learn from lessons and experiences gained from already existing, comparable mechanisms, especially taking into account the MDG experience in different fields and at all levels, from global to regional and national – in order to determine the foundation for an appropriate and successful review mechanism. Such mechanism should give direction and recommendations for the next steps of the implementation.

We believe that the roles and responsibilities of not only governments but all stakeholders need to be taken into account within the Post-2015 monitoring framework. A structured mechanism of continuous, periodic review needs to be established, with a goal of delivering accountability and progress reports on the achievement of goals.

Croatia encourages the creation of a general framework document for the evaluation mechanism made by competent UN bodies. We believe that such a feedback form, available for further specific national contributions, would facilitate the whole monitoring and evaluation process.

We would like to emphasize the importance of the high quality statistics, which should come from the relevant statistical institutions and sources, since a good coverage and collection of quality data, as well as reliable analysis, is crucial for efficient monitoring. Only such data can be a solid foundation for the creation of national action plans which would include internal national benchmarks.

Finally, we believe that such a mechanism should boost integration, quality of implementation and coherence between countries. Our common goal is to achieve a concerted global action and create an opportunity for sustainable development for all. Therefore, it should be based on interactive dialogues between countries, between stakeholders within the countries and regions, as well as the civil society and the private sector.

I thank you.