

# Intergovernmental Negotiations Post-2015 First Session / Stocktaking

## Session on Integrating sustainable development goals and targets into the post-2015 development agenda

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### Joint Statement Colombia, France, Guatemala, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru and Switzerland

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- In continuing with the innovative and constructive spirit of the Open Working Group, I am particularly pleased to be able to speak on behalf of Colombia, France, Guatemala, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru and Switzerland.
- **The OWG report represents a complex compromise, amongst many different interests for many different actors. In many ways, it is not perfect. It is also undoubtedly an ambitious result.**
- For the first time, it brings together the ambitious actions required to ensure sustainable development with all its dimensions – economic, social and environment – and including poverty eradication in all its forms. It succeeds in ensuring a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development and brings us one step closer to breaking the silos and working together in an integrated manner.
- It succeeds in outlining a truly universal agenda, where all countries are called upon to act for a sustainable future free from poverty.
- **It must be stressed: this report is much more than the outcome of discussions amongst the 70 member states formally part of the Open Working Group.** It is also infused with the comments and proposals of the many other member states, civil society, private sector, UN and other international organisations all present throughout. **To our mind, the open, transparent and inclusive nature of discussions lends great legitimacy to its outcome.**
- **Given all these positive achievements, we strongly call to keep the package of goals and targets as proposed by the Open Working Group. We have worked hard and we have worked together to come up with this ambitious proposal. We should not lose these gains going forward and focus our discussions on the MoI, the Follow-up and Review but also the Declaration.**
- Of course, 17 goals, 107 targets and 62 actions for means of implementation are considerable numbers. But this is a product of its process, of reconciling for the first time a universal agenda for all countries and the interlinked challenges of sustainable development. We need to preserve the balance of the SDGs and targets, making all efforts to identify options to promote their full implementation. A communication and “marketing” strategy, similar to the Millennium Campaign, is still to be elaborated.