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**Joint Statement Egypt, Liechtenstein, Norway, Pakistan, Peru,  
Republic of Korea, Switzerland**

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I make these remarks on behalf of Liechtenstein, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Republic of Korea, Switzerland and my own country Egypt.

One key element that our group has identified is the importance of an efficient review mechanism for the post-2015 development agenda including the SDGs.

We consider the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development as the key forum for such a review mechanism. This has also been reiterated by Ministers in their Ministerial Declaration at the second meeting of the forum in July 2014.

We would like to contribute to today's discussion by sharing the key characteristics for an efficient review mechanism that our group has identified. They read as follows:

- The review will be voluntary. Therefore, the review mechanism should be owned and embraced by developed and developing countries.
- It will be state-led, involving ministerial and other relevant high-level participants.
- It should focus on the assessment of progress, achievements and challenges faced by developed and developing countries.
- It should also include the contribution of the relevant UN entities, including the regional level.
- The review should be conducted in a constructive spirit. This means that it should be based on long term orientation and incentives such as access to best practices, policy advice, sharing of experiences, and it should provide a follow-up mechanism at the national level. It should also provide a platform for partnerships by identifying the necessary means of implementation, taking into account capacity-building and financing needs, facilitating the sharing of best practices and technology and other support to be provided by a wide range of actors in order to identify possible solutions, to foster positive mutual learning and cooperation in order to improve governments' performances on sustainable development.
- Its approach should be differentiated, which means that it will focus on universal goals, in particular the SDGs, applicable to all countries, while taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities.
- It should ensure coherence between the national, regional and global level.
- The basis for the review is robust data drawn from national progress reports. Data and information from existing reporting mechanisms should be used where possible, bearing in mind the need for capacity building in regards to improved data collection.

- It should take into account lessons learned from existing intergovernmental review mechanisms.
- The review should be inclusive and participatory by including adequate arrangements for transparency and broad participation, including through the participation of major groups and other relevant stakeholders

Finally, lessons learned from the reviews taking place in the HLPF under the auspices of ECOSOC should feed into the high-level review and stocktaking at global level taking place in the context of the HLPF under the auspices of the General Assembly every four years.

We look forward to further collaborating in discussions on this key element relevant to the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.

Thank you for your attention