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German statement

on “**The Declaration**” and “ **Means of Implementation/Global Partnership** ”

Mr Co-Facilitator,

Germany aligns itself with the statement by the European Union and would like to specify the following points:

One major part of the outcome document, will be a declaration.

The challenge will be to integrate everything relevant and at the same time not overloading the declaration, **keeping it short and simple and relevant.**

First of all the declaration should provide a compelling **narrative** outlining the sources, **values and principles** which are the foundation for our actions of the post-2015-agenda for sustainable development.

Additionally, the declaration should give space to highlight important aspects of the agenda such as:

- the approach of bringing together the content of the MDGs and the very important fight against poverty with the three dimensions of sustainability stemming from the Rio-processes to **one united holistic agenda for our future sustainable development.**
- a clear and ambitious commitment for the **transformation to global sustainable development.** It must recognize that environmental sustainability is fundamental to ensuring the sustainable prosperity and well-being of all people within planetary boundaries, unlock the drivers of the green economy and make our economies and lifestyles more equitable and sustainable.
- the **new global partnership** which is manifested in the **universal** applicability of the agenda and the shared responsibility of us all for global wellbeing.

In this crucial chapter, the post-2015-agenda for sustainable development shall address the “**HOW**” to implement. We are convinced that if we want to make transformation happen we must change the way how we work together. Business as usual is not an option. This chapter should integrate a universal **vision on a New Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.** We regard the new global partnership as a political concept, a new spirit, a paradigm shift towards working together to transform this world to sustainable global wellbeing.

The global partnership has **four main principles**:

- First: **universality** and
- Second: the **shared responsibilities** of *all* countries for achieving the SDGs. Every country shall set its own national targets in accordance with its capacities and national policies and priorities but as well being guided by the global level of ambition as suggested by the Open Working Group. This implies shifting from a static country-group-thinking to a truly shared responsibility where we all critically reflect about what more we might contribute to achieve the aspirational global goals - *every* contribution will be needed!
- The third principle: **multistakeholder-involvement**. The range of sustainable development actors has diversified, including innovative partnerships, business, foundations, NGOs, local actors and authorities and the scientific community. Their engagement and contributions will be indispensable and should be adequately reflected.
- And the forth principle: mutual accountability. This will be supported by an efficient and inclusive **review and monitoring mechanism**.

Furthermore, **Means of Implementation** are critical for implementation and have to be adequately addressed in the agenda. The post-2015-process is closely linked to the July-conference on Financing for Sustainable Development in Addis Ababa where the follow-up of the Doha- and Monterrey-conferences but also of Rio+20 is addressed. A high degree of specialized knowledge and capacity is involved i.e. in the report of the International Committee of Experts for Sustainable Development Financing. Countries and stakeholders provide qualified input to that process and do so in its drafting sessions. We should make use of this expertise and avoid duplication of those two parallel negotiation processes.

Addis should address **Mol for sustainable development comprehensively**, including financial and non-financial means of implementation, and provide a contribution which can be integrated into the post-2015 agenda document.

Thank you very much.