

## **Iraq's statement on the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post 2015 development agenda from 17-20 Feb. 2015**

We would like to associate ourselves with the statement of H. E. the Permanent Representative of South Africa on behalf of the G77 and China, and also with statement of H. E. the Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on behalf of Arab group.

Given the hour, I will pick up on some ideas and issues that my delegation believe that it should be reflected in the declaration. The full text of my speech is present in both Arabic and English on the website.

We believe that the declaration, despite being a political one, and not a legal document in material sense, but it indicates the international practice in terms of the commitments to sustainable development and provides global feeling and momentum around this emerging principle in the international community. Based on that, it is important to reiterate that the integration between the three dimensions of sustainable development is the essence of the principle of sustainable development.

The declaration should reaffirm the established relationship between peace, security and sustainable development. It should also recognize the impacts of global terrorism on sustainable development based on the previous world development documents and international conferences on sustainable development.

The issues of poverty eradication, providing basic services and infrastructures to the people, and peaceful and inclusive societies, and predictable and sustainable financing and official financial assistance are the core elements of the post -2015 development agenda.

The declaration should make a clear reference to the global challenges facing the present and future generations, especially climate change and its adverse impacts, global insecurity caused by terrorism and extremism, infectious diseases and epidemics, the scarcity of safe drinking water and the enforced refugees and displaced persons.

