

STATEMENT MADE At THE POST 2015 INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS : - DECLARATION BY GHANA

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Distinguished Co-Facilitators

My Delegation aligns its self with the statement of H. E. The Permanent Representative of South Africa on behalf of G77 and China and also with the statement of H. E. the Permanent Representative of Mozambique for the Africa Group.

I would like to make a few comments in My National capacity

My Delegation thanks you for putting together the Elements paper to help us enhance our work on the post 2015 development agenda. My Delegation would like to present a number of issues which we think should be contained in the Declaration.

We agree with you and many other speakers before us on the need for the declaration to be concise simple, ambitious and visionary.

My delegation believes that the Declaration should have as its overarching goal the eradication of poverty and should be people centered

We therefore recall the importance of ensuring that all three pillars of sustainability the environment, economic and social pillars are at par to ensure sustainable development . This has been the pivot on which all the processes leading up to the 2015 development agenda and hence this declaration should be hinged on. This should be a guide to the WHY of the Declaration and our new Development Agenda.

The six key concepts in the Secretary General's synthesis report namely Dignity, people, prosperity, planet, justice, and partnerships also provide great insights into the WHY of the Declaration.

We believe that the Declaration should encapsulate the linkages between the Millennium Development Goals (MDGS ) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS) and the unfinished business of the Millennium Development Goals. The African common position on the post 2015 Development Agenda provides inputs for this.

It is important that the Declaration should be all inclusive and no one should be left behind . This brings us to the issue of the important fact that countries have different national circumstances when it comes to development and this cannot be ignored as evidenced in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals. Thus the importance of adhering to the principle of CBDR

It should affirm a strong science based monitoring system with measurable indicators.

The Declaration should involve all actors that is Women, youth, Children private sector, academia civil society among others

It should affirm the building of strong partnerships for Means of Implementation, capacity building and technology transfer.

It should affirm our commitments to the SDGS.

The Declaration should respect the UN charter and the principles of universality inclusiveness , rule of law and good governance among others as mentioned by speakers before me.

We add our voice to the myriad of countries to ensure that women and girls empowerment is addressed in achieving poverty eradication

Coming from Capital the common question asked in our consultations is what is New? What will change? Let's ensure the Declaration answers the question and make it new and ensure we make a Change.

I thank you