

Denmark's statement on the Post-2015 Declaration
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Mr. Co-facilitators, allow me at the very outset to thank everyone for the strong solidarity shown to Denmark and the Danish people in relations to the deadly attacks that occurred in Copenhagen in the last days. This means a lot to us.

Denmark aligns this statement with the statement made by the EU on behalf of its Member States.

We thank you for your elements paper and we agree that a declaration should be concise, visionary, actionable, and easy to communicate. We have full confidence in you co-facilitators, to present us with a draft text that meets our expectations, including how we make best use of the six essential elements when you deem time is ripe.

The core function of the declaration is to define a global and unprecedented level of ambition for the benefit of people and the planet, for present and future generations. We need to remind ourselves of the extraordinary opportunity that we have at hand with the different processes culminating this year in Addis, New York and Paris. Together they bring promise of a comprehensive framework for eradicating poverty and achieving sustainable development acknowledging that neither of these can be achieved without effectively addressing climate change.

We find a number of issues key for the declaration, but we will limit ourselves to only mention a few (seven) on this occasion.

1) Firstly, The declaration should clearly and forcefully set out a shared vision and a common framework of how the agenda will enable us to get there together. It should stress the transformative and universal nature and outline the paradigm shifts required.

2) Eradicating poverty in all its forms by leaving no-one behind and addressing all three dimensions of sustainability should be at the core of our efforts.

3) The declaration needs to put emphasis on the universal values at the heart of the agenda as highlighted by the EU. A rights-based approach encompassing all human rights is essential. Gender equality and the human rights of women and girls should have particular emphasis.

4) The declaration must recognize that lasting sustainable prosperity and well-being of all people is only possible within planetary boundaries. Policy coherence will be important to integrate the three dimensions of sustainable development at all stages of domestic and international policy-making.

5) I would also like to support the important point made by Mozambique on behalf of the African group that poverty eradication and sustainable development will not be achieved as long as peace and stability is not achieved.

6) We very much agree on the need for a new global partnership, which mobilizes action and resources by all actors and at all levels on the basis of shared responsibility. Both the public and private sectors, civil society and citizens are agents of change in a world of fast transition. National ownership and leadership will be key drivers of implementation. We expect the Financing for Development conference to provide us with a framework encompassing the full range of means of implementation (domestic and international, public and private) needed to fulfill the agenda.

Finally, Mr. Co-facilitators, the declaration should give a clear and effective mandate for monitoring and review at global, regional, and national level based on the principle of mutual accountability.

Thank you.