

**Statement by Ambassador Hahn Choonghee  
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Thank you Mr. Co-facilitator,

First of all, I would like to thank the co-facilitators for providing us with the elements paper for the Declaration. This well-structured elements paper encapsulates many of the central themes of our discussion during the stocktaking session in January and will be a useful starting point to work with. I commend your leadership and stewardship.

Mr. Co-facilitator,

The political significance of the Declaration cannot be overemphasized. We need a concise, communicable, and compelling Declaration of political caliber that can help to amplify our vision and philosophy for the future we want across the globe.

The Declaration has to be a vehicle for delivering a strong political message to the public on why we all should work together for this once-in-a-life-time and historic global agenda. It should provide motivation to the people and incentivise the private sector including the business community to take more interest in this work.

I would also like to emphasize that the Declaration should contain the visionary narrative that explains how far we came, where we are, and where we go from here.

Mr. Co-facilitator,

I would like to emphasize the importance of communication, particularly to the general public who are actual beneficiaries as well as owners of our goals. In order for the public to understand our work, specifically, we should make it clear that we are developing a new set of global and sustainable development goals, taking into account past achievements and the changing international environment.

The unfinished work of the MDGs needs to be completed, but further work is needed. The key is to achieve sustainable development, and this requires all of us to transform our world in all aspects. The Declaration should reaffirm that the post-2015 development framework is universal, transformative, and inclusive. In this regard, we believe the six Essential Elements of the UN Secretary-General's Synthesis Report can be instrumental in drafting the Declaration.

Mr. Co-facilitator,

*People* and *planet* should be the core elements of the Declaration, as we envision a dignified life across the economic, social, and environmental dimensions. Equitable and inclusive economic growth as well as transition to a green economy should also be included. Our Declaration should also give a strong impetus to the December COP21 meeting in Paris so that a new climate architecture could be agreed.

The Declaration can draw on the unswerving principles of the Millennium Declaration, including human rights, equality, solidarity, and shared responsibility. Social protection for vulnerable and marginalized groups, youth employment, and alleviation of income inequality are equally important. Education, health care, and gender equality as well as good governance, capable

institutions, and the rule of law should all be reflected in the Declaration as key elements. To secure an inclusive and peaceful society, the importance of global citizenship education, which can understand tolerance, mutual respect and understanding, needs to be emphasized as well.

Mr. Co-facilitator,

A transformative agenda calls for a genuine partnership based on global solidarity. In this regard, the Republic of Korea would like to see the Declaration make a clear reference to the principles of the Busan Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) such as national ownership, results focus, inclusive partnerships, transparency and mutual accountability. A need to establish a robust monitoring and review mechanism at global as well as national levels should also be mentioned as an overarching principle.

Last but not least, the Declaration should also clearly express the commitment of all stakeholders, including political leaders, civil society, NGOs, and the private sector, to joining our march together towards a shared vision of leaving no one behind.

I thank you Mr. Co-facilitator. /END/