

**Statement by Ambassador Hahn Choonghee  
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Co-facilitators (Amb. David Donoghue and Amb. Macharia Kamau),  
Dr. Bhattacharya,  
Excellencies,

First, I would like to thank the co-facilitators and commend you on a great start yesterday in the first meeting of the intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda. We have spoken about the post-2015 process and the integration of the SDGs in the post-2015 development agenda. I look forward to continuing our fruitful discussions.

Today, I would like to offer comments on the composition and content of the Declaration on the post-2015 development agenda.

The Declaration on the post-2015 development agenda should be a powerful and concise narrative of message that presents our vision and philosophy for the new development trajectory for humanity, which will motivate and inspire global citizens in to fulfill the new development goals.

Based on the Millennium Declaration and Rio+20's The Future We Want, the Declaration should include our response to the changes and challenges facing the international community. This should not be limited to the political will of our national leaders, but also encompass the will of civil society, NGOs, and the private sector to participate in creating a sustainable future. However,

rather than reverting back to repetitive agreed language, we hope to see new language that is creative and concise.

Mr. Co-facilitator,

The Declaration should center on *people* and *planet* as the core of post-2015 development, with the vision to protect human dignity and quality of life through all three pillars of sustainable development.

The political will demonstrated in the Declaration should answer the call to respond to the multitude of challenges we face today, including climate change, *the loss of biodiversity*, economic hardships, and conflicts. To meet these challenges, equitable and inclusive economic growth will be necessary, including transition to a green economy for sustainable development, as substantially discussed in the outcome document of Rio+20, *The Future We Want*, should also be addressed.

The Declaration can draw from some values and principles that have already been elaborated in the Millennium Declaration. In particular, the principles of human rights, equality, solidarity, and shared responsibility will be important for us at a time of weakened multilateralism.

To ensure the basic human rights of each and every global citizen, special attention must be given to social protection for vulnerable and marginalized populations, youth unemployment, and elimination of income inequality, especially for middle income countries.

Basic Human Needs of education, healthcare, and gender equality, as listed in the MDGs, will continue to be our common goals for the international community in the context of post-2015 development as well. Their role as the major enablers of development should be emphasized.

Similarly, good governance capable institutions and rule of law will also be important drivers of development as emphasized in the Secretary General's synthesis report. Capable institutions based on the foundation of good governance will be key for sustainable development and post-2015 development agenda. As a priority for both developed and developing countries, good governance and rule of law should be key elements for the Declaration.

In discussing the effective implementation and achievement of the new development goals, we hope the Declaration will consider the shared principles under the Busan Global Partnership or GPEDC, such as ownership, inclusive partnership, transparency and accountability, should be considered as a useful reference.

In closing, the concerning recent attacks and continuing conflicts, have reminded us that significant gains from growth and development will have been in vain without a peaceful society that can retain our progress. Therefore we have to also demonstrate as well as educate for global citizenship which is sensible to dignity, tolerance and mutual understanding in the pursuit of a more peaceful and harmonious world.

I thank you. /End/