

**Statement by Ambassador Hahn Choong-hee
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Thank you, Mr. Co-Facilitator.

(We would like to align ourselves with the joint statement made by Egypt on behalf of Egypt, Liechtenstein, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Switzerland and the Republic of Korea.)

1. We would like to begin by emphasizing that for the Post-2015 Development Agenda to be truly universal and transformative, it should be based on a robust monitoring and review framework. Our rapidly changing world, mainly due to the advancement of science and technology, requires such a framework to be more systematic and rigorous so that it can guide us through the right course. Facing this unprecedented commitment to the global development goals, we have to develop a new and paradigm-changing review mechanism which covers both national and global level.

2. A Post-2015 review framework should be a voluntary, country-led, participatory, evidence-based and multi-tiered process. The High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) under the auspices of ECOSOC can play a central role in this monitoring and review process.

3. To be effective and efficient, it is also important to be aligned with existing mechanisms and processes at various levels. In this regard, the Korean Government welcomes the UN Secretary-General's Synthesis Report, which recognizes that the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) can help review and strengthen the global partnership for sustainable development. Korea strongly believes that the GPEDC in which 46 countries have already joined with 50% of them being the LDCs, can contribute to the Post-2015 monitoring and review framework.

4. The Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), thanks to its multi-stakeholder nature, can be another useful venue to discuss the issues of monitoring and review involving all relevant actors. As you may know, Korea will host the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) High-Level Symposium in April. We hope that the Symposium in Korea will offer a great opportunity to collect views of Member States, civil society, and the private sector on this critical

issue of “monitoring and accountability and partnership.” Its outcome can be used as input into the Post-2015 process.

5. Finally, to be evidence-based, a Post-2015 review framework should be grounded in the data revolution. Korea recognizes the importance of capacity building for reliable data collection and statistics both at the national and international level. An alternative data-production system by civil society and the private sector should also be established to cross-check the credibility of government data. In this sense, we support the suggestion for a “Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data” made by the Secretary-General's Advisory Group.

I thank you. /End/