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**STATEMENT BY FINLAND**

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Finland aligns herself with the EU statements made during this week. We would like to make these comments particularly on follow-up and review, but I will also touch upon the relationship between the FFD and Post-2015 processes.

First, I would like to thank all four co-facilitators for organizing this joint meeting. It is not only useful but necessary to promote the coherence and integration between these two processes. The discussions this week have clearly shown the close relationship or at least the need for it between these two processes.

There is a need to bring these processes together in order to truly achieve sustainable development in all its three dimensions and eradicate poverty by 2030. To achieve one single agenda covering the SDGs and the financing for sustainable development would be one of the truly transformative elements of the new universal agenda. This one single agenda would then logically lead to one single follow-up and review process using existing mechanisms, where the High-Level Political Forum has a special role.

This would be innovative, forward-looking and integrating the elements needed for the implementation of the Post-2015 agenda, where the ambitious FFD outcome would form the MoI pillar.

Mr. Co-Facilitator,

As you said yourself, we should aim for an outcome from Addis that would neatly fit into the Post-2015 agenda. Our ambitious SDGs need ambitious means of implementation that address all SDGs in a balanced way including the three dimensions of sustainable development in an integrated manner as well as other

interlinkages and cross-cutting issues. We see this emerging in the FFD 0-draft and hopefully more so in the next draft. It should also clearly emphasize financing for sustainable development underlining a necessary shift in our thinking and actions including a transition to greener and more inclusive economies.

Achieving this agenda, needs still a lot of work, but the biggest challenge is the implementation of this agenda. All stakeholders are needed for that purpose, as well as, all sources of financing. For that reason, it is very important that we keep all the stakeholders involved in the preparations and negotiations of this agenda and not limit their participation. We cannot expect stakeholder participation in the implementation of the agenda that they have not been allowed to prepare.

I thank you.