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I thank the four Co-facilitators for organizing this joint session. The fact we are meeting in this joint format is reflective of the will of the Member States, as was expressed in our January meetings, in favor of the coherence of the two outcomes.

I would focus my intervention on Japan's basic thinking regarding the relationship between the FfD and the post-2015 MOIs, since I believe agreeing on this point this week is of utmost importance in order to facilitate our Co-facilitators to produce in May the revised draft for FfD outcome and the first draft of the post-2015.

I have four points.

1) Japan acknowledges that the post-2015 and FfD are independent processes where maximum coherence should be sought.

2) FfD should provide a policy framework for resource mobilization, its effective use and the enabling environment for both. It deals with a basket of resources that will be allocated to the entire set of goals and targets as identified by the OWG.

3) It is up to each State to decide on which targets and sectors the resources should be allocated to in priority. Country ownership is the prerequisite for achieving SDGs.

4) OWG has identified MOI targets under each goal which the majority of Member States are hesitant to reopen. FfD outcome should not try to elaborate these goal-by-goal or sector-by-sector MOIs in such a way that prioritizes one against another.

On technology, which has specific context and background, I will address Japan's position tomorrow.

With regard to the follow-up and review of the two processes, naturally, we need to come to an agreement on how the two outcomes will be linked or not linked, in order to be able to agree on their relationship. I will come back to this issue later this week.

Thank you very much.