



# Intergovernmental Negotiations on the Post-2015 Development Agenda

## Sixth Session

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### Goals & Targets

Statement by Switzerland

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Co-facilitators,

Regarding the chapter on **SDGs and targets**, we strongly support your approach to reflect the 17 goals as proposed by the Open Working Group on SDGs.

First, on **indicators**, we welcome the reaffirmation in paragraph 3 of the mandate for the Inter Agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators to develop a global indicator framework by March 2016. This should be the first version that will be developed and improved over the years under the leadership of the UN Statistical Commission. We understand an indicator framework as being composed of two things: i) a conceptual framework based on common principles and ii) a list of indicators. We would welcome that the next version of the draft reflects these aspects.

Concerning your proposed changes to targets as reflected in Annex I: We consider that the amendments cannot change the **substance** of the OWG proposal, but could be useful if they improve **clarity and coherence** for more effective implementation of the goal framework, consistent with international agreements. During the last meeting, we therefore outlined the following conditions and criteria for any changes to the OWG proposal so that we avoid a renegotiation. **Firstly**, we see merit in specifying the “x” values and **secondly**, targets should be in line with *higher* levels of ambition in existing international agreements.

This position leads us to fully **support** for example the amendments that specify the “x” **values** proposed for goal 4 on education or the proposed amendments to target 6.3 or 9.5.

We also support all changes to bring targets in line with international agreements such as the Sendai Framework proposed for 11 b).

However, with regard to **target 6.6** we would prefer to stick to the timeline 2020. The discussions on this last year were challenging and thorough and we consider we should keep the level of ambition as agreed then.

I would like to reiterate again that in any case the fallback option would be the Open Working Group proposal. Changes should not re-open the discussion on substance.

Finally, co-facilitators, we would just like to repeat that Switzerland does *not* consider that the **reservations** made to the OWG proposal should be reflected in the Agenda since we cannot expect our Heads of State to adopt reservations by other member states.

Thank you.