

PHILIPPINES

STATEMENT

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Distinguished Co-Facilitator,

We associate ourselves with the statement delivered by the representative of South Africa on behalf of the G 77 and China. In our national capacity, we would like to raise the following:

We place importance to a follow-up and review framework as it serves as a yardstick to assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the agenda, particularly if the agenda has been transformative.

We reiterate that this review process be inclusive, transparent, coherent and voluntary reflective of national realities, capacities and level of development. We likewise put value to ownership and localization of the process. We believe in using existing institutional mechanisms to avoid duplication and achieve efficiency in the use of resources.

As a developing country, we foresee issues that can impede the formulation of national reports. One is the availability of reliable, timely and disaggregated data which will affect the quality and timeliness of the reports. Along this line, the need for capacity building of statistical agencies not only at the national but more importantly at the sub-national level. Second, resources will be necessary in coming up with reports, which is not the only report that governments have to come up with.

On a more specific level, we would like to point out the following:

- On paragraph 1 of the section under Declaration, we would prefer that the phrase "to support this accountability" in the second sentence be deleted. This is a follow-up and review framework, not an accountability framework.
- We find certain sections of the chapter as too prescriptive. Thus, adjustments should be made in the text to give member states more flexibility in their conduct of their follow-up and review.
- On paragraph 6, we need clarification on what is covered by transboundary issues as this term generally refers to environmental issues.

Thank you, Mr. Co-Facilitator