



STATEMENT

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AT THE

**INFORMAL MEETINGS OF THE PLENARY ON THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE
POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA**

Discussion on Means of Implementation

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PLEASE CHECK AGAINST DELIVERY

MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION (DAY FOUR)

Co-facilitators,

The chapter on Means of Implementation and the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development is a critical feature of the sustainable development agenda. As we the CARICOM together with the Group of 77 and China and the Alliance of Small Island States have argued strenuously, this chapter is the nuts and bolts of the agenda.

Given the operational nature of this chapter, it should be different in scope and tenor to what is outlined in the Declaration. This would allay concerns for any duplication between what is set out in the Declaration and what will constitute this chapter. The CARICOM considers therefore that the chapter could benefit from further development in four critical areas.

First, as the operational part of the agenda, the MOI chapter should articulate boldly and unequivocally our leaders' political commitment to mobilize the means of implementation in line with the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and targets and covering all the SDGs. In so doing it should draw an indelible link between this chapter and chapter 2 so as to demonstrate that the commitment directly relates to the achievement of the agenda. There should be a specific reference to the range of means of implementation contemplated in this regard as is stated in paragraph 32 of the Declaration. Likewise this chapter should have our leaders' reaffirm their commitment to an enhanced revitalized global partnership for development in line with goal 17. These commitments should be articulated in the opening paragraphs of the chapter. We propose that paragraphs from the zero draft can be used as a basis for developing language on such commitments. We would be happy to work with you to develop this further.

Second, we wish to recall that with the adoption of the SAMOA Pathway the international community reaffirmed that SIDS remain a special case for sustainable development in view of their unique and particular vulnerabilities, and that they remain constrained in meeting their sustainable development in all its three dimensions. You will recall moreover that in Goal 8 of the MDGs, there were two dedicated targets to address the special needs of countries in special situation. As we build upon the MDGs through a more integrated agenda, we therefore request the re-insertion of the previous paragraph 3 from the zero draft with a further tweak that would have leaders commit to supporting SIDS in implementing the post-2015 agenda including the SAMOA pathway which constitutes an integral part of the agenda, and re-stating verbatim the affirmation "that SIDS are a special case for sustainable development and that they face constraints in meeting their sustainable development in all its three dimensions."

Third we agree that the chapter should have leaders welcome the endorsement of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, which will be tabled and endorsed in the current session of the

General Assembly. It should also have leaders reaffirm the understanding as stated in paragraph 19 of the Action Agenda that the post-2015 development agenda, including the sustainable development goals, can be met within the framework of a revitalized global partnership for sustainable development, supported by the concrete policies and actions as outlined in the Action Agenda. Further, this chapter should also note that whereas the follow up processes for the FFD and the Post-2015 development agenda are distinct, the outputs of the FFD follow-up and review process should inform the Post-2015 development agenda follow-up and review process where relevant.

Fourth, as set out in paragraph 123 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, the chapter should provide for the launching of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism.

Finally, the member States of CARICOM consider that the Addis Ababa Action Agenda need not be appended as an Annex to the post 2015 agenda.

1. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda is a standalone document with its own legal standing distinct from the post-2015 agenda.
2. We have agreed in paragraph 19 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda that the Action Agenda will support the means of implementation of the post-2015 development agenda but there is no agreement that it is the means of implementation.
3. In this connection, we note that the Addis Ababa Action Agenda has its own distinct follow-up process.

CARICOM would suggest therefore that a footnote reference to the General Assembly resolution adopting the Action Agenda would be sufficient for purposes of the post-2015 development agenda.

Thank you.