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Statement by Switzerland

Distinguished Co-facilitators,

The implementation of the SDGs will only be possible if the objectives we set ourselves are matched with an equally ambitious implementation framework. Last week, our Head of States and ministers sent a clear signal that the Addis Ababa Action Agenda is an integral part of the Post-2015 Agenda and vital for the realization of the SDGs. We thank you and the FfD-Co-Facilitators for the tireless effort to ensure coherence and integration between the two processes.

Switzerland is pleased with the balanced consensus reached last week in Addis Ababa. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda is the result of hard work and concessions on all sides. In our view, it is an ambitious document which contains commitments and measures that will contribute to realize sustainable development and to achieve the SDGs.

The document recognizes that realizing sustainable development requires a broad finance and implementation framework. It not only reaffirms the importance of ODA and principles of transparency and efficiency of aid flows, but also contains commitments to strengthen domestic resource mobilization and increase the contribution of the private sector to achieve global sustainable development.

Of particular importance for Switzerland, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda also recognizes and strengthens the contribution of migrants to sustainable development and promotes the restitution of stolen assets. It also defines a new mechanism for the transfer of technology and a commitment to a new social compact to deliver social protection and essential public services for all – something of critical importance to fulfill the unfinished business of the MDGs.

Last but not least – the Addis Outcome defines a dedicated but integrated monitoring and review process that encompasses all the Means of implementation and the Financing for Development outcomes. They will be fed into the overall follow-up and review of the implementation of the Post-2015 Agenda in the High-Level Political Forum on sustainable development.

Co-Facilitators,

The measures agreed upon in Addis Ababa have the potential to make the difference that is needed to finance sustainable development.

We feel that your proposal to integrate the whole document as an annex is an option well worth considering. Switzerland could support this approach if it is ensured that the Addis Ababa Action Agenda is annexed in its pure form without reservations. This demand is in line with our call not to include the reservations made to the Open Working Group proposal, as we cannot expect our Heads of State to adopt reservations made by other member states. Otherwise, we fall into the risk of adding reservations on reservations made on annexes of the outcome document – an exercise which risks becoming unbearable for all of us.

In any case, we support the short introduction of this chapter of course, in particular paragraph 53.

Regarding the means of implementation targets and Goal 17, we share the view expressed by other delegations that for reasons of coherence and consistency, these targets should only be mentioned once in the document. We see merit in the proposal to include all MoI-targets in chapter 3. This would lift the chapter on Means of Implementation to the same level as the one on the substantive SDGs. We are open to discuss different options to address this issue and trust in your able leadership in this regard.

Thank you.