

Statement by H.E. Mr. Desra Percaya Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations

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"Follow-up and Review"

Co-facilitators,
Distinguished delegates,

I would like to associate my statement with the statement made by the representative of South Africa on behalf of the G77 and China.

Indonesia underlines the importance of an open, transparent and inclusive follow up and review framework for the Post-2015 Development Agenda. We share our views with you, Co-facilitators, that if we are successful — and we have to be successful — this Follow up and Review will be the world's first universal follow up and review mechanism in terms of themes and countries involved in it. Indonesia is of the view that the Follow-up and Review is the next most important aspect of the SDGs after the implementation itself, as this is the tool to assess progress, gaps, achievements and challenges in the implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda at all levels.

With this in mind, please allow me to outline our understanding of the key principles that are instrumental for the follow up and review of the post-2015 development agenda:

<u>First</u>, the rationale of the follow-up and review of the post-2015 development agenda is that it is a global effort to promote sustainable development, as well as assessment of progress, gaps, achievements and challenges in the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda at the national level;

<u>Second</u>, the follow-up and review should therefore be universal in scope, cutting across all sectors, and must be anchored on strong national ownership;

Third, it should encompass and embody all SDG goals and targets in their entirety, which include Goal 17 and MoI-specific targets.

<u>Fourth</u>, at the national level, follow-up and reviewing of the implementation of the SDGs should be led by national governments with active participation of all relevant stakeholders, in accordance with national legislation.

Fifth, the follow up and review process should be carried out gradually, and provide adequate space for countries to make national adjustments/transition from the MDGs, and integrate/mainstream the post-2015 development agenda into their national planning process. In this regard, related structural and development challenges as well as specific conditions and circumstances experienced by developing countries should be taken into account;

<u>Sixth</u>, while we emphasize national ownership, we also see value in looking at regional progress, which could support national-led reviews through sharing of experience. In this regard, we are of the view that the role of the UN regional commissions in supporting member states in the

region to follow up and review the implementation of the Post-2015 development agenda is essential.

<u>Seventh</u>, we also believe that a reliable follow up and review process should not merely report on the dutybearers and rightholders of a country with regards to the implementation of the Post 2015 Development Agenda. The assessment of commitment and support of the UN system and agencies towards countries' vision and development programmes must constitute an inseparable part of this follow up and review process.

Co-Facilitators,

With regard to the revised text on Follow up and Review, allow me to make some observations, as follows:

First, we share the concern in **paragraph** 57(a) that the **adequate policy space** to conduct follow up and review at the national level, has not been well reflected. We also of the view that the review at the global level should be based on the data collected from national sources.

As I already reiterated at the session on MoI yesterday, we firmly believe on the importance of ensuring the availability of the MoI for among others, strengthen the developing countries' capacity for data collection and statistical analysis.

Second, we support the active participation and contribution of major groups and all relevant stakeholders in follow up and review processes, in line with the scope stipulated in relevant provisions in UN Resolution 67/290. Therefore we support the proposal to amend **paragraph** 70, by using the term "major groups and other relevant stakeholders", to reflect this notion in a more inclusive manner. To be universal and inclusive, we should not pin-point or cherry-pick only a certain stakeholder to contribute in the implentation of the post-2015

development agenda. This is a global agenda for all and it needs to engage all in its implementation, without exception.

I thank you Mr. Co-facilitators.
