

# URUGUAY

## Proceso de Negociaciones Intergubernamentales sobre la Agenda Post 2015 - Octava Sesión

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Co-facilitators,

First of all, Uruguay aligns itself with the statement delivered by South Africa on behalf of G77 and China.

We add our voice to those who have expressed appreciation for the revised text and I would like to present the following additional comments in our national capacity:

### *Preamble*

#### **People**

We want to ensure that all human beings can fulfil their potential. We want to end poverty in all its forms and dimensions; end hunger and malnutrition; achieve food security; **respect and** promote **human rights and** human dignity; combat inequalities in and between countries; achieve gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls; ensure quality education, water, sanitation and hygiene, and a healthy life for all; ensure equal access to natural resources, a healthy environment and well-being for all; and secure the participation of all people and groups, including children, **youth**, persons with disabilities, migrants and indigenous peoples, in the realization of the Goals and targets.

## **Prosperity**

We want all human beings to enjoy the fruits of economic, social and technological progress and live productive and fulfilling lives. We want to ensure sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth; promote decent work, ~~and~~ employment for all and social protection; strengthen productive capacities, foster innovation, shared prosperity and sustainable patterns of consumption and production; promote sustainable industrialization, agriculture and infrastructure; and ensure access to affordable, reliable and sustainable modern energy services.

## **Peace - last line**

Sustainable development cannot be realised without peace and security; and peace and security will be at risk without sustainable development. We want all people to live in peaceful, safe and inclusive societies, free from fear, coercion and violence. We want to strengthen governance and to build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels as well as to strengthen the rule of law, to ensure equal access to justice for all and to protect ~~the~~ all human rights and fundamental freedoms of all men, women, boys and girls.

## ***Introduction***

**Paragraph 3. línea 7.** We recognize that eradicating poverty in all its dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development. We are committed to achieving sustainable development in its three dimensions – economic, social and environmental – in a balanced and integrated manner. We will also build upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seek to address their unfinished business. We resolve, between now and 2030, to end poverty and hunger everywhere; to combat

inequalities within and between countries; to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies; to protect human rights and promote gender equality; **and eliminate all forms of discrimination without distinction of any kind**; to ensure the lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources; and to create conditions for sustainable, inclusive and sustained economic growth, shared prosperity and decent work for all, taking into account different levels of national development and capacities.

**Paragraph 12.** Uruguay welcomes and supports this paragraph, and its mention of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and their and their review conferences.

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**Paragraph 21.** We support the reference to “gender-based discrimination” on this paragraph and we also suggest the following additions: Realizing gender equality and the **human rights and** empowerment of women and girls will make a crucial contribution to progress across all the Goals and targets. The achievement of full human potential and of sustainable development is not possible if one half of humanity continues to be denied its full human rights and opportunities. Women and girls must enjoy equal **rights and** access to quality education, **health, including sexual and reproductive health and rights, justice,** economic resources and political participation as well as equal opportunities with men and boys for employment, leadership, **participation** and decision-making at all levels. We will work for a significant increase in investments to close the gender gap and strengthen support for institutions in relation to gender equality and the empowerment of women at the global, regional and national levels. All forms of gender-based discrimination and violence against women and children will be eliminated, including through the engagement of men and boys. The systematic mainstreaming of a gender perspective in the implementation of the Agenda is crucial.

**Paragraph 27. Line 4. We strongly support the language as it is reflected about “universal access to sexual and reproductive health care services”**

**Paragraph 35.** We propose that the brackets between "Regardless of add: their migration status" are deleted, while suggested deleting the last sentence of the paragraph, and use the first part of it as the beginning of the second sentence on the paragraph. It will read as follows: We recognize that international migration is a multi-dimensional reality of major relevance for the development of countries of origin, transit and destination, and that coherent and comprehensive responses are required. **We commit to protect our citizens living abroad and** We will cooperate internationally to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration involving full respect for human rights and the humane treatment of migrants ~~(regardless of their migration status)~~, of refugees and of displaced persons. Such cooperation should also strengthen the resilience of communities hosting refugees, particularly in developing countries. **We commit to protect our citizens living abroad and to re-integrate retired migrant workers who return to their countries of origin.**

**Paragraph 44.** Paragraph that recognizes the role of the family and its contribution to sustainable development. Uruguay believes that the language should be adjusted as a paragraph to reflect the recognition of all forms of families and should read as follows:

We recognize the role of ~~the family families~~ **as a** contributors to sustainable development; one measure of success of the new Agenda will be its ability to **support strengthen** and protect all families **in their various forms and ensure equality and non-discrimination within them.**