

**Proposals from the Holy See on the
“Outcome Document for the UN Summit to adopt the post-2015 development
agenda: draft for adoption.”**

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Distinguished Co-facilitators,

My delegation would like to thank you for this revised draft. We appreciate that it takes into account a majority of the proposals and comments from last week, especially its strong focus on poverty eradication and the three dimensions of sustainable development.

In the interest of time, I will go straight into specific language proposals on the declaration, which in our view would both strengthen the text and tighten the language.

On para 3, we would strengthen the draft and bring it more in line with SDG 5, by having it read “to protect human rights; to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment;”.

On para 9, in the 2nd sentence, we suggest strengthening the focus on both women and children by re-combining and reformulating the wording to: “A world in which every woman and girl enjoys full gender equality and all legal, social and economic barriers to their empowerment have been removed. A world which cherishes its children and in which every child grows up free from violence and exploitation.”

On para 12, we support the suggestion made by other delegations to delete the reference to the ICPD and Beijing platforms for action and respective review conferences.

On para 17, regarding the MDGs that remain off-track, we would prefer to revert to language in the previous draft and to delete “reproductive health,” making this reference more in line with the actual goals.

On para 20, we would propose to strengthen and to streamline the text to read “This is an Agenda which seeks to respect, protect and fulfill all human rights and fundamental freedoms, **working to ensure** that they are enjoyed by all without discrimination...etc”

On para 21, we would propose to delete “gender-based” as we are of the view that a more holistic reference to discrimination is stronger and more encompassing and inclusive of all forms of violence and discrimination against both women and

children.

On para 23, a small grammatical tweak, currently it states “as do countries in situations of conflict and post-conflict-countries” we would suggest “as do countries in conflict and post-conflict situations”

On para 24, we would propose to use agreed language and suggest the formulation of, “People in vulnerable situations must be empowered, **such as those** whose needs are reflected in the goals and targets, including... etc”

On para 26, like other delegations, we would replace “gender” with “sex,” and we would insert “human” before rights.

On para 27, we would suggest to maintain the word “health-care” with a dash, as it reads in the target 3.7

On para 37 in the second to last line, like other delegations, we would propose to maintain the formation “the contribution it makes to gender equality and women’s empowerment.”

Lastly, in the follow-up and review section in Para 70, like other delegations, we would prefer to stick to agreed language on such a sensitive issue and use “persons in vulnerable situations”