Response to Final Zero Draft of Outcome Document for the UN Summit to Adopt the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Workers and Trade Unions Major Group

We welcome the references to decent work and social protection across the document and would like to see them preserved.

We also welcome the proposed technical revisions to targets, and would like to express our support for the targets under goal 4 in particular.

On paragraph 8, we would like to the reference to the right to water retained, as enshrined in a number of international agreements including GA resolution 64/292, and suggest to strike “affordable”.

On paragraph 24, “the poorest” should be mentioned as a group that must be given particular attention; currently the paragraph says nothing about economic exclusion

On paragraph 26, we would like to support the addition proposed by Norway on “safe schools with qualified teachers” in the last sentence

On paragraph 28, we regret that the previous language on “progressive policies aimed at redistribution” has been deleted and would like to see it reinserted

On paragraph 38, with reference to catalysing private finance and concerning private finance in general, we would like to see some language along the lines of “must meet criteria in line with existing standards in areas of human rights, labour and environment”.

On paragraph 40, we believe the language articulating the link between the outcome of the Addis Conference and the Post 2015 MOI strikes the appropriate balance between the two distinct processes and would hope to preserve it as is. This also applies to the chapter on MOI.

On paragraph 43, with respect to trade we see an opportunity here to refer to “policy coordination and coherence for sustainable development” and not simply refer to building capacities.

On paragraph 54, we see an opportunity to include a reference to “labour” or “the social partners” following reference to business and private sector.

On paragraph 77, add at the end of paragraph “…and should ensure that major groups and other stakeholders can all participate and input”.

On paragraph 80, replace “other stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector” with “the identified Major Groups which include Women, Children and Youth, Indigenous Peoples, Farmers, Non-Governmental Organisations, Business and Industry, Science and Technology, Workers and Trade Unions, and Local Authorities, and other stakeholders”.