



**Permanent Mission of the
Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the United Nations**

**Intervention on the
Outcome Document for the U.N. Summit to Adopt the Post-2015 Development
Agenda**

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Co-facilitators

Thank you for your exemplary guidance and the manner in which you have led us through this collegial and inclusive process to arrive where we are today - and that is so close to a document reflecting the culmination of a journey spanning over two years.

Co-facilitators, we have heeded your call to exercise constraint this week and indeed throughout the process - but there is an issue of importance for us that we offer in a spirit of ensuring this outcome is both forward looking and reflects the transformation we are seeking.

Co-facilitators, the previous iteration of the preamble struck a fine balance communicating the transformative essence of this agenda in its entirety - through the five Ps. That preserved the sanctity of the three dimensions of sustainable development and in a progressive step delivered in the context of peace and partnership.

We appreciate that the preamble text had become somewhat lengthy - and like others we would have liked to see key issues front loaded - but we can see the merit in the distilled version of the 5Ps in the alternative text - and in a spirit of cooperation could accept this if indeed we are to have a preamble.

But we have cause for concern with the slight but significant change to the opening paragraph in the original version. The introduction of the full stop in the first sentence serves to unravel the intrinsic linkages between the five Ps.

Throughout this week there has been no appetite to delink or dilute the 5Ps into 3+2 or indeed big Ps and little Ps.

What we have in the revised original preamble - and an even more disjointed opening paragraph in the alternative version regresses our understanding of the deeply interlinked transformation this agenda seeks to deliver.

We would therefore like to see the original opening paragraph brought into the alternate version of the preamble - but to strengthen the interlinkages make a further slight amendment so that the first sentence would read:

'This Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity that seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom'.

I thank you.