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Outcome Document Structure

Mr. Chairman, we have a mandate, reflected in subparagraph 'b' of paragraph 20 of resolution A/RES/64/236: "The conference will result in a focused political document". The preparation of the document should be achieved through an inclusive and transparent process

With regard to the structure of the outcome document the following could be observed:

- The Themes and objectives should be seen in a cross cutting perspective;
- An introductory section would analyze the evolution of the international conjuncture which evolved throughout the last twenty years and how the recent global food, energy and financial crises have exposed the systemic flaws inherent in the functioning of deregulated global markets and required Governments to step in to discipline financial markets and address those crises; under the circumstances, the need to "renew political commitment for sustainable development" (the conference's first objective) would be underscored and justified .
- The assessment of progress and gaps in the implementation of the commitments of previous conferences (the second objective) would constitute a first section. This analysis would allow for the identification of new and emerging issues, as some may be linked with gaps in implementation of previously assumed commitments (third objective of the conference).
- Next, a "Framework for Action" could be considered. This Framework would identify initiatives, coherent with the Rio Principles, Agenda 21 and the JPOI, that provide benefits in all three pillars of sustainable development, with economic growth, reduction of environmental impacts, sustainable use of natural resources and job creation, establishing, thus, a virtuous cycle that translates the renewed commitment to sustainable development.

- Last, there would be the analysis of how to reform the institutional framework in such a way as to make it coherent and allow it to give political guidance to the implementation of sustainable development.
- Means of implementation would be addressed in a crosscutting manner. Access to and transfer of technology, including for the establishment of research centers in developing countries, through narrow international cooperation arrangements, should figure prominently with regards to the promotion of a “green economy”, defined according to national priorities.