

**Statement on behalf of the Republic of Korea
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on the form and the structure of the zero draft
of the outcome document**

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On behalf of the Korean delegation, I would like to extend my deep appreciation again to the Bureau and the Secretariat for giving us the floor to share our views on the expected outcome of Rio+20 next year. We fully realize that this second intersessional meeting would provide the basis to derive the success of Rio+20 and give us the momentum for the preparation of the appropriate zero draft to kick off the negotiation next year.

In order to produce a successful outcome, it is very critical that the good architecture of the text would certainly lead to building the best outcome document. Laying out the whole architecture in advance could ease the robust design of sustainable development in a more balanced manner. In this regard, it is very meaningful to exchange views in order to converge on the format and the structure of the outcome document before moving forward.

The Republic of Korea believes that Rio+20 will offer a very significant chance to address, in an integrated and coordinated way, the current global challenges which are an enormous burden to us all. We cannot miss this opportunity to express a clear and concrete message on the sustainable development. At the same time, it must showcase meaningful steps towards two themes aiming at sustainable development.

At the upcoming Rio+20 conferences, we should agree on the outcome in the form of political declaration, accompanied by an annex. We propose the following outlines as the structure of the outcome document for Rio+20. The outcome document could contain an introduction as a preamble, main body, including sections of renewing political commitment, and the framework of action towards sustainable development. The Annex should be followed as a pragmatic, concrete action plan of commitments by countries.

We encourage the introduction as a preamble to elaborate the objectives and the goal of Rio+20, and, at the same time, to reaffirm the necessity to design sustainable solutions that reflect the three pillars to tackle global challenges. Renewed political

commitments should be contained in the main body. Rio+20 should produce an announcement of the renewed political commitment by the Member States to achieve the vision for SD accompanied by specific directives for expedient actions.

The main body of the outcome should also contain the basic guidelines of the governing principle. Priority initiatives which are to be more focused and political would be placed in the main body including water, food security, energy, etc.

The outcome document has to contain an annex which elaborates the action for measures of implementation and precise steps for nations to take and pursue. The action plan should be concrete and concise to be quoted right away into the policies of each country to be implemented.

Rio+20 presents us with an invaluable opportunity to usher in expedient progress on sustainable development and to enact its next ten year agenda. Korea looks forward to maximize this chance to create an action-oriented document towards the achievement of sustainable development.

I thank you.