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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, with reference to the latter Note Verbale REF: DSD/2012/530 dated 1 October 2012, has the honor to attach herewith the response of the Iraqi Government related to the questionnaire.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

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(Attached 2 papers)
Questionnaire

1- Please list a limited number preferably between five and ten of the important priority areas that must be addressed through the SDGs to contribute to the achievement of sustainable.

- The marshland area.
- The desert land.
- The mined border area.

2- How might the SDGs strive to balance the economic social and environmental pillars of sustainable development?

e. Expand MDG7 (environmental sustainability) into a number of goals with a natural environmental resource dimension (water, food, energy, etc.)

3- Based on your experience with MDGs or other existing goals what would be the key use of SDGs for your country (select at most two)

b. Influencing national budget allocations
c. Helping development cooperation

4- How can "universally applicable SDGs be made practically relevant for countries at different levels of development? (Please refer to your country's situation as appropriate)

By Incorporating SDGs in national & local development plans

5- The SDGs are supposed to be "global in nature" should targets associated with those goals be:

- Common but differentiated depending on country characteristics and level of development for example Iraq depend on the oil exportation on its development plans, on this level we must increase our exportation.

6. Which existing goals and targets (e.g., MDGs, goals/targets in Agenda 21, JPOI) do you think should be incorporated - perhaps in updated - in a proposal for sustainable development goals?

- The cooperation between the neighboring countries.
7. What specific can be taken to ensure that the SDGs are coherent with and integrated into the UN development agenda beyond 2015?

Incorporate sustainable development aspects in the national Dev. plans and making feedback to ensure achievement of these goals.

8. How should assessments of progress toward the achievement of the SDGs be carried out at the global level?

Through holding conferences and follow global achievements.

9. What measures should be taken to make the process of developing a proposal for SDGs inclusive and participatory? How should civil society and other relevant stakeholders be engaged?

- Through active participation of civil society.

10. What principles should underpin the development of the SDGs?

- By assessment the role of NGOs and its activities that impact society to increase information about sustainable development.

11. How should a new Global Partnership for development be constructed within or around the SDGs?

Through the commitment of partners to achieve the goals and a mutual commitment to sustainability.

12. Do you have any other observations, ideas or inputs you would like to offer to inform the initial work of the open working group on sustainable development goals?

Enabling media to deliver the sustainable development concepts to the largest number of people, especially in remote rural areas.