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General Remarks

- The clustering proposed is an appropriate and clever way to lead the discussion into a Goals configuration. We thank the co-chairs because they have triggered the discussion on prototype SDGs.
- We are strongly convinced that the OWG needs to work towards a common vision on how we promote structural transformations for a unified agenda to eradicate poverty and promote sustainable development in all its dimensions. We are at a turning point and we believe we can be ambitious. A universal framework integrating the three dimensions of sustainable development calls for a paradigm shift towards a true global partnership and needs a strong political commitment and coherent and coordinated actions by all countries. In an interdependent world we need to struggle together to find sustainable solutions to problems that affect us all.
- We must now identify the issues on which we want to focus and translate them into a limited number of specific goals and targets. In doing so we should keep in mind that the future agenda should propose transformative changes and aim at “living no one behind” The new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) must therefore stem from a coherent and integrated approach establishing inter-linkages but also identifying drivers, leverages and transformative components for achieving empowerment and change, fully taking into account the results attained through ongoing processes.
- The SDGs should be accepted, utilized and monitored in all and by all countries to achieve and implement a post 2015 agenda which includes resilient development approaches and the integration of environmental protection, degradation and climate change issues, with inclusive economic growth and social justice.
- Universally applicable goals for sustainable development must be based on human rights principles of participation and empowerment and address inequalities along the lines of gender, age, geographical location, socio-economic background, religion, ethnicity and disability, and should intersect and compound each other.
- The process of clustering is a very good step forward but it needs to be further discussed since the current clustering is more an addition of some questions rather than a real change of paradigm and very critical re-structuring is needed. There is a need to prioritize some areas, whereas others should be added or strengthened. The SDGs should have poverty eradication and sustainable development as their predominant overarching objectives to be reflected in the title of this framework and we would be happy to keep

working in this direction. An exercise we need to do is to highlight the targets that already have international actions set, specify at what level they have been agreed and try to address the bottlenecks that prevent them to be achieved.

- We also need to strengthen accountability which is not sufficiently reflected in the focus areas. The issue of accountability should be linked to the HLPF role in 2016 when it will succeed to the AMR and take the lead in monitoring and reviewing international commitments on sustainable development.
- While doing our work we must keep in mind that the post 2015 framework will be defined through converging processes with special attention to the Expert Group on Sustainable Development Financing. We must also consider important elements such as policy coherence, as expressed in Busan, and development effectiveness.