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### **Statement by ITALY, SPAIN and TURKEY**

#### **FOCUS AREA 18 - Means of implementation/Global partnership for sustainable development**

- In considering this Focus Area we should be aware of the fact the post 2015 development framework will be defined through different processes such as the one of Monterrey/Doha, and will draw from the valuable experience of the Busan Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, which will define the manner of achieving the goals of the future development agenda. The results of the work of the Intergovernmental Expert Committee on Sustainable Development Financing will also have to be taken into consideration in due time.
- The new Global Partnership should promote a true change of perspective, where Means of implementation are seen as a platform for mobilizing not only resources, but also knowledge and capacity, based on mutual trust, accountability and transparency. In this perspective we fully support the need to promote, at international level, further progress on development-supportive trade reforms within an open, rules-based multilateral trading system as indicated in point a), as well as on those targets mentioned in points f) and g). There is a need to add a focus on supporting R&D activities and investments. Innovation and the role of ICT should also be given due consideration in this area.
- In addition, a new Global Partnership for Sustainable Development will require a true multi-stakeholder vision which implies coherent policies and actions at international, regional, national and local levels. We would welcome therefore a specific reference to policy coherence for development.
- We also fully support the actions mentioned in area d) and in this context we would like to stress the importance of reducing the transaction costs of remittances as indicated in area e).
- Among the other areas of action indicated we also consider that items h), i), j) and k) are priority sectors. The fight against illicit financial flows and illicitly hoarded assets is in fact essential to effectively mobilize domestic resources. International coherent actions (PCD) to contrast capital flights from partner countries are also key and must go along with strengthening capacities for tax-collection, reducing tax evasion, strengthening systems of domestic savings, improving efficiency of public spending and stop corruption.

Interlinkages of these areas with inclusive and sustainable economic growth should be emphasized.

- Broader stakeholder engagement is needed to provide impetus to the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development. In this context, special attention should be paid to the interaction between national policies, domestic resources and external public and private financing. We therefore support a domestic and international enabling environment for a more effective engagement of the private sector and in this context we think that a specific mention to Corporate Social Responsibility should be added.