

**Interventions by the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran**  
**On 19 Focus Areas as clustered by the Co-chairs**  
**At the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the OWG**  
**"General Comments on Methodology"**

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**General Comments on Methodology:**

At the outset, I would like to associate myself with the statement made by Bolivia, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; I would also like to add a few points in my national capacity as following:

- I would like to express my appreciation to the co-chairs for explaining their purposes on clustering the 19 focused area and stressing that this should not prejudice the final setting of goals and targets;
- Also, needless to say that the guiding principles over the work of this OWG and the designation of goals and targets would be the Outcome Document of Rio+20;
- Unfortunately, the same unwanted problem of Silo approach which was one of the major deficiencies of the MDGs is repeating itself, though in a different format; it seems that this problem is now going to be transferred from the Goals to the Targets; we should be cautious and devise goals in a package or basket like approach, so that the organic inter- linkages among them would hinder them to be evaluated separately, and the three pillars of SD are also addressed in a balanced manner;
- We should do our best to work on concrete and internationally agreed terminologies, and not engage in a lengthy consultation process over the most suitable agreed terminologies. I would like to say that it is not the intention of the OWG to develop a new glossary, so we are better of to stick to the agreed languages;

- Additionally, we are not here to micro-manage the goals and targets, therefore the respect for national sovereign rights and cultural diversities of countries is of utmost importance;
- My last point is that we shouldn't suffice to having a focus area on MOIs numbered 18, and do not elaborate the MOIs under each and every focus areas;

I Thank You Mr. Co-Chair,