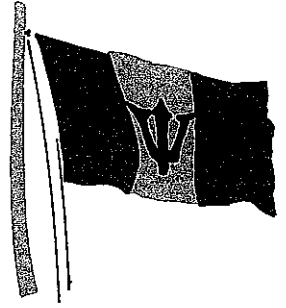




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Intervention by

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on behalf of

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) on "Means of Implementation/ Global
Partnership for Sustainable Development" on the occasion of the 10th
Session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals

on

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CARICOM Statement on Means of Implementation/ Global Partnership for Sustainable Development during the 10th Session of OWG-SDGs on April 5, 2014

Co-Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the fourteen (14) Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). CARICOM aligns itself with the statements delivered by Bolivia on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and by Nauru on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS).

The Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (OWG-SDGs) considered the issue of Means of Implementation (MOI) during its eighth session. At that time, CARICOM in its intervention stated that the discussion on Means of Implementation is more than just about financing and therefore, in addition to its being a stand-alone issue, it must also be an integral part of the discussions on all other thematic areas for which goals were to be created. We reiterate that position today. Indeed, for us to have a set of goals created without the relevant and credible means to implement them, our work here would have been for naught. The experience of Goal 8 in the MDGs framework is instructive. We must find practical means of integrating a revitalised and effective global partnership into the SDGs. We wish to use this opportunity to also underscore the importance of capacity building in the successful implementation of the SDGs.

Some possible areas for consideration on the issue could include:

- Definitive arrangements for the MOI that can effectively mobilize adequate financial and other resources, improve trade and market access, increase technology transfer and development and capacity building, including support for the modernisation of data collection and statistical analysis
- Recommitment by developed countries to meet ODA targets on an agreed timetable
- Enhancing accountability in development cooperation based on agreed principles;
- Reducing the transaction costs of remittances;
- Enhancing the voice and participation for developing countries, including Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in international financial institutions (IFIs)
- Strengthening commitment and involvement of multilateral financial development institutions with attention paid to concessionary financing for development
- Effective assistance to developing countries in the area of debt relief
- Reforms in global economic governance including the maintenance of global financial stability
- Strengthening support to the development finance needs of countries in special situations, including SIDS, and the improvement of governance at all levels

- Close coordination and cooperation of multi-stakeholder initiatives and partnerships with government and inter-governmental efforts in support of sustainable development

I thank you.