Statement by France, Germany and Switzerland
OWG11

Focus area 1. Poverty eradication, building shared prosperity and promoting equality

Mr Co-chair,

The last OWG session put in evidence the broad support for a dedicated goal on poverty eradication and we would like to reiterate our support for a goal on ending extreme poverty, fighting inequalities and building resilience.

We thank the Co-Chairs for the good proposal of possible targets under a goal on poverty eradication and would like to highlight the following six targets.

- First, we fully support a target dedicated to eradicate extreme poverty by 2030.

- Second, we reiterate our support for a target aimed at the reduction of relative poverty, through the reduction of the proportion of people living below the national poverty lines or with living standards below the median Multidimensional Poverty Index.

- A third target should ensure the provision of national social protection floors by 2020, in line with the ILO Recommendation 202.

- Forth, we support a target dedicated to strengthening societies resilience related to all kind of disasters and shocks as well as environmental degradation including capacities for and access to disaster risk management.

- Fifth, we believe that it is of high importance to have a target addressing inequality under this goal, both at national and international levels and including between rural and urban populations. We suggest including the target aimed at supporting income growth of the bottom 40% of the income distribution to reduce income inequalities by 2030, which is currently listed in Focus Area 8 in a goal on poverty eradication.
- Sixth, we fully support targets aimed at ensuring the full access to employment and decent work for men and women, including equal pay for equal work or work of equal value, in line with the Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work.

Given the multidimensionality of poverty, it is clear that poverty will need to be addressed in the entire goal framework. Given the strong mandate from the Agreed Conclusions of the 58th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women calling also for gender equality to be integrated through targets and indicators into all goals, we ask the Co-Chairs to ensure the systematic integration of gender equality and women’s rights across the framework. This should include for example the systematic disaggregation of data by sex.