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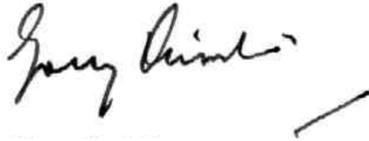
Your Excellencies,

We have previously expressed our sincere appreciation for your hard work as co-Chairs of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, and we would like to begin by renewing this appreciation. Specifically, we would like to thank you for the latest Working Document of Thursday 17 April 2014 and welcome the opportunity to provide additional proposals to strengthen the document.

Overall the Working Document makes good progress in guiding member states toward agreeing a proposal for Sustainable Development Goals and targets, and we welcome your refinement of the thematic issues included. During the 10th meeting of the Open Working Group, our troika and other member states supported having separate goals on peaceful societies and effective institutions as well as integrating equality of opportunity and disability across the agenda. We strongly support these proposals and will continue to reiterate our support for these issues through our constituency statements in the next meeting. Furthermore, we see opportunity to sharpen the focus of the goals and targets on human centred development, as well as respecting environmental boundaries. This is a key principle which has guided our troika's participation in the Open Working Group to date.

We recognise the usefulness of attributing targets to member states, however we encourage your close attention to ensure the accuracy of their attribution. We have identified instances where our troika's support has not been registered (for example targets 1d and 7c) and where our troika has been incorrectly listed as supporting a target (for example, the exact formulation of targets 12a and 15i does not accord with the position expressed in our troika statements). We would also welcome the inclusion of chapeau text which refers readers to members' statements for a detailed explanation of their views.

Many thanks again for your hard work and leadership. We look forward to the next session of the Open Working Group under your leadership.

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