



THE GROUP OF 77
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The Chairman

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Your Excellencies,

We would like to thank you for your work on providing the revised documents as they serve us, as an important input, to understand where should we direct our efforts to have a successful outcome document on the SDGs.

We acknowledge that the Open Working Group now, has reached a very important juncture in crystallizing the possible elements for goals and targets of the SDGs, which is expected to be finalized by this July.

Therefore, the group would like to strongly emphasize the importance of better reflecting many of the important elements that the G77 and China has frequently reiterated, not only during previous OWG meetings but throughout the stocktaking sessions. These elements have not been fully reflected in the revised working document.

With concern, we would also like to stress that the notion for differentiation is absent from the document. It is also necessary to reflect the different capacities, development stages and circumstances of Member States, and the importance of developed countries to take the lead and support developing countries in achieving the economic growth and sustainable development.

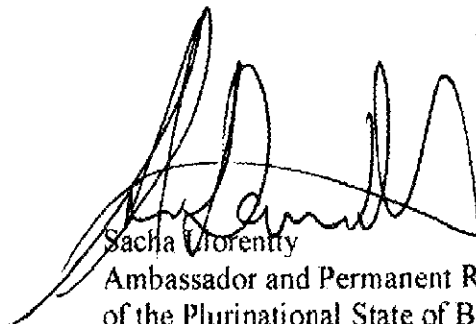
In this context, we would like to call for your attention to the principle of Common But Differentiated Responsibilities (CBDR) that does not appear in the revised text, nor referenced in the framework of climate change. We kindly remind you that the Group of 77 and China during the methodology statement at the last session, proposed the co-chairs to include a chapeau to the document that reaffirms all the Rio principles, in particular CBDR as a guiding principle of SDGs.

We believe there is need for more and stronger reference to Means of implementation; We also have concerns on global partnership, which we ensure were also shared by many other Member States. We noticed with surprise that the revised document does not identify potential enablers, inter linkages and cross cutting issues.

The Group of 77 and China believes that the SDGs Open Working Group process has now come to a critical moment, therefore, we would like to call for a more direct method of deliberation on the elements of SDGs, in which Member States would be able to interact and discuss openly and thoroughly to improve the draft report in this Member States driven process. We therefore propose the Co chairs facilitate informal consultations among Member States.

We thank you in advanced, as we are sure that our concerns will be taken into account.

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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