Statement by the Troika of China, Indonesia and Kazakhstan

Focus Area 7: Energy
and
Focus Area 8: Economic Growth, employment
and infrastructure

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Distinguished Co-Chairs,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the troika consisting of China, Indonesia and Kazakhstan. We would also like to align our statement with the statement made by Bolivia on behalf of the G77 and China.

First and foremost, I would like to extend our support for the concern raised by the Permanent Representative of Bolivia on the need to move from statement mode to problem solving mode through informal-informal consultation among member states.

With regard to the title of Focus Area 7, we propose that the title needs to be amended to include ‘modern energy services for all’

As for item 7.b, our Troika would like to propose after “…2030” to add “through enhanced partnership”.

As for item 7.c, we would like to propose to change “double” the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency by 2030” into “significantly raise the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency by 2030” and delete the reference to “including in buildings, industry, agriculture, and transport”.

Besides enhancing means of implementation, developing countries should be provided adequate policy space to develop their policy on improving energy efficiency, therefore the focus should be made more generic and not confined only to a handful of sectors.

In this regard, item 7.c. will read as follows:

“Significantly raise the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency by 2030”

For item 7.d., we propose to delete both the numerical reference (percentage) and specific areas in this item, so the revised item will read as follows:

“By 2030 increase the share of clean energy technologies”.

As for item 7.e., the issue of fossil fuel subsidies is complicated, and is still being in other forums; therefore, we propose not to include it in the discussion of the SDGs.

We further like to propose 4 (four) other targets as follows:

1. “By 2030, reduce by x% the per capita energy consumption in developed countries”
2. “Ensure affordable access to energy-related know-how, science, technologies, and innovations for developing countries”
3. “Ensure flexibility in the dissemination of modern energy technologies for developing countries”
4. “Remove by 20xx, barriers that developing countries face or may face, in obtaining access to clean energy technologies”

With regard to MoI, our Troika proposes 5 (five) elements which are as follows:

1. Encouraging public and private sector investment, in particular public-private partnerships, in relevant and needed cleaner energy technologies;
2. Encourage the use of TRIPS flexibilities in relation to promoting the use of environmentally sound energy technologies;
3. Strengthen international cooperation, including the provision of financial resources, building and technology transfer to developing countries to support their efforts towards universal energy access;

4. Enable greater access by developing countries to affordable access to clean energy technology, and in this regard, operationalize the UN Global Technology Facilitation Mechanism by 2017;

5. Remove by 20xx, barriers that developing countries face or may face, in obtaining access to clean energy technologies.

With regard to focus area 8, our Troika believes that robust and stable economic growth is the key to poverty eradication and sustainable development.

Our Troika strongly support a standalone SDG goal on inclusive economic growth.

Our Troika recalled that during the 10th Open Working Group meeting last April, there was no sentiment nor mandate from member states for streamlining the Focus Area on Economic Growth with Focus Area on Employment and Focus Area on Infrastructure.

We feel that many important elements from the three Focus Areas have gone missing, and we wish to see the elements reflected back in the draft. We strongly insist that the Focus Areas of Infrastructure and Employment be restored as independent focus areas.

Mr. Co-Chairs,

On item 8.b, we propose revision to the text so it will read as follows:

“Achieve, equal and productive employment and decent work for all who seek employment including for marginalized groups by 2030”

With regard to item 8.d, we are of the view that principle of differentiation is needed. We need a clarity on how this proposed target could be achieved by developing countries, through appropriate and adequate means of implementation. Unless we can get a clear
MoI, we propose to delete the last part of this item, which contains a reference to reducing waste and emission per unit.

We propose the reformulation on item 8.f so it will read as follows:

“Create appropriate climate for SMEs, entrepreneurship, innovation by 2020 and to support market development and the expansion of financial inclusion in developing countries at the national, regional and international levels.”

For item 8.g, we propose to replace the numerical reference “……by 2030 provide access for 100% of rural populations to basic infrastructure and services” and change it into as follows:

“……by 2030 provide access for the vast majority of rural populations to basic infrastructure and services”.

On item 8.h, we propose to replace the sentence “in compliance with ILO fundamental rights at work” with “under the obligation of the ILO instruments.”

Mr. Co-chairs,

Our Troika would also like to propose 6 (six additional targets) to complement the proposed targets in the revised working document. Our suggestions are as follows:

1. Attain trend economic growth of at least 6% per annum in low income countries and near to that level for other developing countries, based on the specific conditions of each countries;

2. Enhance sustained growth of both per capita income and productivity and ensure comprehensive development of productive capacity in developing countries in line with development strategies;

3. Enhance macroeconomic policy coordination, fostering conducive regulatory and fiscal system to promote sustainable development;
4. Support the development and improve the provision in particular in developing countries, including countries in special situations, such as roads, railways, ports, electricity, and communications;
5. Enhance and extend social security and social protection coverage, including social protection floors for those in need;
6. We also propose to include target Focus Area 16.e. on planned and managed migration policies to be placed under this Focus Area.

With regard to MoI, we would like to suggest six priority targets as follows:

1. Promoting trade facilitation and market access for developing countries, including countries in special situations;
2. Facilitating international technology cooperation and technology transfer, in particular for environmentally sound technology;
3. Enhance cooperation towards eliminating trade and investment protectionism, especially the measures limiting business investment in the name of national security, so as to create a favorable environment for business investment;
4. Encourage and promote cross-border and inter-regional cooperation on infrastructure investment, financing and construction, in particular the projects of interconnection between the developing countries and industrial park projects of mutual benefit.
5. Encourage and promote the flow of international capital, logistics and personnel, whereas developed countries provide more import quotas, entry visas, work permits and other facilitations measures for the labor from the developing countries.
6. Promote growth policies that incorporate elements of social inclusiveness, economic inclusiveness (promotion of small and medium enterprises and small farmers) and environmental sustainability.

I thank you Mr. Co-Chairs.

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