



**Statement by  
The Maldives on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)  
at the Second Drafting session on Financing for Development**

**13 April 2015**

Co-Facilitators,

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). The Group aligns itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. At the outset, the Group commends your Excellencies for providing the Zero-Draft document. We are making good progress in our preparation to the Addis Ababa conference, and this Zero-Draft provides a good basis to further progress this week. I envision our discussions to be very rich, engaging and constructive.
3. For SIDS, the matter at hand is crucial, and we would like to underscore our commitment to actively participate in the process work this week and through the Conference in Addis Ababa.
4. I would like to reiterate the G77 proposal that the co-facilitators provide for intercessional to further discuss specific language, with a view towards finalizing the outcome document before the conference. In this regard and to ensure predictability so that small delegations can effectively engage, we request that the co-facilitators provide a programme detailing the negotiation process leading up to the conference.

Co-Facilitators, turning to Section I of the Zero-Draft,

5. AOSIS recognizes that Financing for development has clear linkages to the realization of an ambitious post-2015 development agenda that will be adopted this September. Indeed, an international framework for mobilizing financing is essential for tackling key development challenges. While we see the FfD and post-2015 development agenda as two separate processes, we do recognize their complementarity. In that regards, the FfD outcome should not only address the means of implementation of SDG 17, but also address all MoI targets in the other 16 goals. The FfD outcome should provide a comprehensive response to the

report of the OWG on SDGs, which is the main basis to integrating the SDGs in the post-2015 development agenda. At this stage, it is unclear how this concern is addressed.

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6. For us SIDS, as a special case for sustainable development in view of our unique and particular vulnerabilities, we require catered attention to address our development challenges. The outcome document must take into account vulnerabilities such as our small size, limited negotiating capacity, and remoteness from markets, diseconomies of scale, narrow resources bases and underdeveloped economies.
7. We recognize that achieving sustainable development should be nationally driven and owned. Yet we also underscore that the absence of international cooperation will significantly limit our successes in addressing our persistent development challenges. There is no one-size-fits-all formula to guarantee development effectiveness. Each country should be assessed on its specific situation and needs.
8. In this regard, we thank your Excellencies for taking into consideration countries in special situations. We are pleased to note that our sustainable development blueprint, the SAMOA Pathway, will receive strengthened support in its implementation. We feel, however, that the text should go further in addressing our persistent challenges, including limited capacity, so as to build the resilience of our societies and economies.

Co-Facilitators

9. We will provide more section-specific comments as we progress through the week. We look forward to continue working closely and constructively with you both and all our partners on this process.

I thank you.