

Thank you, Co-facilitators.

Today I speak on behalf of Japan and Canada.

First, let me congratulate Belgium and South Africa for the appointment of the Co-facilitators of the process. You have our full support.

Since we are still analyzing the content of the draft IATF Report, today we would like to focus on our expectations concerning the process of the negotiations of the outcome document of the FfD Forum in 2017.

Needless to say, the Forum's outcome document will be fed into the follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the High Level Political Forum in 2017. We also expect the discussion on the ministerial declaration of the HLPF in 2017 to be started soon. Therefore, our task here is to prepare the outcome document, focusing on the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, while avoiding any duplication of the discussions of the other processes, so that the follow-up process will be a holistic and integrated one.

As for the time line, we strongly support the Co-facilitators' proposal, and are of the strong view that the negotiations should be finished before the FfD Forum begins, in order to facilitate fruitful discussions at the Forum.

As for the content of the outcome document, we should touch on the progress since last year of what we agreed in the AAAA in a well-balanced manner on the basis of the IATF Report. The primary function of the Forum's agreed conclusions should be to maintain the momentum around the AAAA and to highlight the lessons learned and positive developments of the Forum itself. In this regard, we are of the view that the document should be concise and thus impactful. At the same time, we must be mindful not to cherry-pick select issues from the AAAA to discuss in the outcome document.

Thank you.