



Draft EU intervention at second informal consultations

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[as delivered]

Co-facilitators,

- I have the honour to speak on behalf of the EU and its Member States.
- We would like to thank the co-facilitators for circulating the draft outcome document last Thursday, 27 April, and for its presentation today.
- We also appreciate the circulation of a tentative work programme. The density of this programme should allow us to conduct our business during normal working hours and conclude by 18 May, as scheduled.
- We are committed to a forward-looking Financing for Development agenda that adds value and contributes in concrete terms to delivery of the SDGs.
- We are continuing our review of the zero draft. In line with the programme, we shall provide a first reaction in the form of general comments today and leave detailed comments for upcoming meetings.
- We recognize the effort by the co-facilitators and will work towards limiting the document to its present length.
- We will be working towards a balanced document that frames this discussion both in terms of national commitments and international cooperation.
- We welcome that all sources of financing are reflected in the text.
- Overall, we are concerned with the absence of very important themes in the draft:
 - the principle of “leaving no one behind” and the focus on the most vulnerable;
 - a reference to the Paris agreement and the need to transition to a low-carbon economy;
 - the absence of references to governance, rule of law, transparent institutions and human rights.

- Regarding gender and women's empowerment, we concur with the G77 that the text should include stronger language.
- Finally, Co-facilitators, we support clear language on modalities for the 2018 FFD Forum, as required by the decision of ECOSOC and the UNGA 71 Second Committee FFD Resolution.

Thank you.