



**Statement by the Republic of Maldives on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States  
Sixth Session of the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the Post 2015 Development Agenda**

**25 June 2015**

**Session 4: Review and Followup**

**Co-Facilitators**

1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). We align ourselves and fully support the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. As discussed in our last session, the post-2015 development agenda will only be meaningful if it is adequately delivered. Therefore, we need a strong, robust follow up process.
3. Reiterating our previous statements on the topic, the follow up and review framework must be universal in scope but owned by each country in accordance with its national circumstances, needs and priorities. It must be government-led and voluntary, and use existing mechanisms as much as possible within its laws and regulations. As it currently is written, the document is overly prescriptive and should be addressed. The concept of peer reviews and stating the preferred frequency for the conduct of national, regional and global reviews go against the grain of the voluntary nature of the reviews that is highlighted in paragraph 2. The purpose of review must not be to compare countries against each other, but to see ways in which the international community as a whole can advance the sustainable development agenda.
4. Qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis are vital for effective monitoring and progress reports. However, we ask that any follow-up and review take into account the burdens placed on SIDS and other countries in special situations when requiring any new data collection, and allow data and information from existing reporting mechanisms to be used. At the same time, we must recognise the need to strengthen data collection and monitoring capabilities of SIDS through capacity building and other means. Therefore we would suggest these realities

reflected in paragraph 3e.

5. In this regard, we recognize that the need to ensure system wide coherence and coordination of sustainable development policies, including the need for adequate linkages to the follow up and review of UN Conferences related to sustainable development, including those on LDCs, SIDS, LLDCs, and countries in special situations, has been highlighted in paragraph 8. This is an important contribution to alleviating the reporting burden on States and duplication of efforts. The SAMOA Pathway highlighted the need for the HLPF to devote adequate time to the discussion of sustainable development challenges faced by SIDS. These conversations must not merely be opportunities to monitor implementation, but to assess progress, challenges and to seek gaps and ways to address them.
6. We also again call for the consideration of alternative measures of development beyond GDP per capita. These measures should capture the aspects of economies of scale, capacity constraints and accessibility challenges, and other vulnerabilities and challenges faced by SIDS.
7. We will be providing specific language suggestions to you to supplement our comments as well.

Thank you.



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**Session 5: Means of Implementation**

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1. I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). We align ourselves and fully support the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. We maintain that the means of implementation constitute an integral part of the agenda. Our agenda will not be complete without strong commitment in this regard. Therefore, we welcome that you have included in the zero draft, the Goal 17 in its entirety, and the goal-specific MoI, under this chapter, as we had agreed in the Open Working Group Report. This is a firm basis for our discussion on this chapter.
3. We believe that the FfD provides a framework through which we mobilise and direct financing towards our efforts towards development. The Post-2015 Agenda provides a policy framework and signals our strong political will towards an ambitious agenda, which request targeted Means of Implementation. At the same time, we also recognize the clear linkages between these two processes.
4. But as we have said previously, these two processes, though linked, are separate in scope. Therefore, the FfD outcome document must complement, and not replace this Chapter.
5. We wish to thank you again and we look forward to reviewing the proposed Means of Implementation and strengthening the language as necessary.

Thank you.