



**Statement by the Republic of Maldives on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States
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Means of Implementation

Co-facilitators,

1. I am delivering comments today on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). We align ourselves with the statement delivered by the Permanent Representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.
2. The new MoI section is significantly expanded from the earlier draft and we commend the co-facilitators' work developing new paragraphs based on input from our suggested language. While the FfD and the MoI of the Post 2015 Agenda have many inter-linkages, they are not inter-changeable and this section needs to stand on its own - these edits help it achieve this task.
3. AOSIS finds that on the whole this section effectively conveys many of the critical aspects of Means of Implementation. And we support many of the editions and in the interest of time will not speak on this. However, this chapter continues to lack substantial reference to trade, debt, private financing and includes only a limited reference to "partnerships." These are all important Means of Implementation as outlined in goal 17 and we believe it is necessary to codify them in this section as valuable tools in achieving the sustainable development goals. In order to address this gap, we suggest the following addition to para 65:
 - a. After the 1st sentence, please add: "Engagement of the business community includes work with the diverse private sector, ranging from micro-enterprises to cooperatives to multinationals."
 - b. After the last sentence add: "In order to improve opportunities for investment, we also urge the global community to assist developing countries in attaining long-term debt sustainability through coordinated policies aimed at fostering debt financing, debt relief and debt restructuring, as appropriate, and to support opportunities for developing countries to harness international trade as an engine for inclusive economic growth and poverty reduction through mechanisms including the promotion of a universal, rules based open non discriminatory and equitable multilateral trading system under the WTO."

I thank you again for your efforts