

Preparatory Process for the
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- x I would like to thank the facilitators for the zero draft of the Addis Ababa Accord, which is a useful starting point for member states to build on. It is fairly comprehensive, covering the main issues of the development agenda.
- x Our expectation is that over this week we will focus at section level with the aim of allowing the facilitators to produce an amended draft in the coming weeks. We believe this is the only practical way to achieve a draft everyone can support in the time available.
- x As regards the interlinkages of the Post-2015 and FfD Agendas, I would like to reiterate our view that we should address the Post-2015 means of implementation within the FfD process and refrain from discussing the same issues twice.
- x We welcome the strong focus on domestic resource mobilization and effective use of domestic public funds in the Zero Draft. We agree that domestic resource mobilization is the crux of sustainable development. And the draft outlines very well the complex interlinkages between good governance, democratic institutions and sound economic policies to bring about optimal mobilization. We have seen that domestic resources form the very foundation for poverty reduction and sustainable development.
- x We strongly believe that the economic benefits of sustainable utilization of natural resources could be better covered in the draft. For example, fisheries can effectively contribute to sustainable economic growth and better nutrition, enhanced economic opportunities for women and poverty reduction. Improving economic performance in the fisheries sector can lead to high returns for developing countries. Hence, we expect to see fisheries further integrated into the draft, including in paragraphs on food security. Also, we miss a reference to UNCLOS in paragraphs on the oceans.

x Furthermore where reference is made to improving agriculture and food security, there should be a