

REMARKS ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND CHINA BY MRS. CHULAMANEE CHARTSUWAN, AMBASSADOR AND DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AT THE INFORMAL INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT OUTCOME OF THE FORUM ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT FOLLOW-UP: (NEW YORK, 23 MARCH 2016)

Co-Facilitators,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

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Third, to be useful, the outcome of FfD forum should identify gaps in the implementation of the AAAA and react directly to them by listing specific and time-relevant actions to take or initiate before the next forum. These “calls to action” could be directed at the UN system, Member States, and other stakeholders. Our goal is to avoid reiteration of the AAAA, and instead shift the focus to implementation. Accordingly, it will be very important, in upcoming discussions, to establish the purpose and level of ambition around the outcome document.

Fourth, while the outcome of FfD forum should be an input to the HLPF, it should serve as an important reference with a set of recommendations for action that stands in its own right.

Fifth, while outcome of the FfD forum needs to take into account other relevant forums and commitments, we would like to highlight that the consideration to include the follow-up and monitoring of the relevant forums must take into account the respective mandate of AAAA.

In this regard, we agree to keep the nuance of Para 132 of AAAA stipulating that deliberations of the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF), according to its mandate, will also be taken into account by FfD forum. Due to the fact that the mandate is clear for only the deliberations of the DCF, which will be concluded in July every two years, could be taken into account while the preparatory symposia for the 2016 DCF is only part of the DCF preparation process which has not been negotiated and intergovernmentally agreed and therefore could not be treated as the deliberations of the DCF.

In addition, the Global Infrastructure Forum is another crucial forum derived from AAAA. We therefore wish to

recommendations of FfD forum, and be drafted in a balance and transparent manner by representatives of one developed and one developing countries.

Co-Facilitators,

These are our preliminary views on the content and modalities of the draft conclusion and recommendations of the 2016 ECOSOC forum on Financing for Development follow-up to be discussed further in the informal consultations. We look forward to a successful and meaningful process. We wish to reassure that you have our continued support as the Group of 77 and China strongly believes that the implementation of AAAA and Means of Implementation of SDGs will lead to sustainable development and provide a life of dignity for all.

I thank you.
