

**CIVIL SOCIETY RESPONSE TO THE REVISED DRAFT OF THE OUTCOME
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While the group is diverse and positions might differ on specific issues, this document expresses the elements of common concern.

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2. We recognize that the Addis Ababa Action Agenda provides an enhanced and revitalized global framework for financing sustainable development and is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Addis Ababa Action Agenda supports, complements and helps to contextualize the 2030 Agenda's means of implementation targets. It contains commitments on domestic public resources, domestic and international private business and finance, international development cooperation, international trade as an engine for development, including the early completion of the Doha Development Round, debt and debt

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2bis. We reiterate our commitment to respecting all human rights, including the right to development. We will ensure the fulfillment of women's rights, gender equality and women's of all ages and girls' empowerment.

3. We note with concern the adverse impact of the consequences of the world financial and economic crisis, including on development, and evidence of an uneven, fragile and slow recovery of the global economy, lower commodity prices, large capital outflows and increased financial market volatility. While recognizing the need to respond to global risks, as well as new and emerging challenges, we reaffirm our commitments to achieving sustainable development and to building upon the achievements of the MDGs and seeking to address their unfinished business.

3. We note with concern the adverse impact of the consequences of the world financial and economic crisis, including on development, and evidence of an uneven, fragile and slow recovery of the global economy, lower commodity prices, large capital outflows and increased financial market volatility, **and the increasing debt burden on developing countries.** While recognizing the need to respond to global risks, as well as new and emerging challenges, we reaffirm our commitments to achieving sustainable development and to building upon the achievements of the MDGs and seeking to address their unfinished business **by promoting an equitable global economic system that respects, protects and fulfills human rights. In this context, we also strongly reaffirm the importance of the social compact and international cooperation for the provision of social protection systems for all, including floors, agreed in the Financing for Development outcomes. Coherent funding modalities to provide adequate public expenditure on essential social services and social protection during difficult as well as normal times should be prioritized as an area for policy focus, concrete actions and monitoring of commitments, given its critical importance for poverty eradication, tackling inequalities and sustainable development. We reiterate the importance of ensuring that the global framework for financing sustainable development leaves no-one behind, including those who face exclusion on the basis of sex, gender identity, age, disability, geography, income, race, ethnicity, migratory status and any other characteristics.**

4. We recognize the importance of addressing the diverse needs and challenges faced by countries in special situations, in particular African countries, least developed countries (LDCs), landlocked developing countries and small-island developing States, as well as the specific challenges facing middle-income countries. Countries in conflict and post-conflict situations also need special attention.

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6bis. We also welcome other processes such as that aimed at achieving improved approaches to restructuring sovereign debt, and XXX, that feed towards the implementation of the Financing for Development outcomes, as these have been fostered through dialogue and intergovernmental negotiated outcomes in the Financing for Development conferences.

7. We also welcome the launch of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism, including the establishment of an inter-agency task team on science, technology and innovation for the sustainable development goals, and call for further development of its on-line platform. We look forward to the first annual Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals to be held from 6 to 7 June 2016 in New York and the exchange of ideas at that forum, which should also take into account the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) and avoid duplication.

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8. Capacity development will be integral to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Capacity development must be country-driven, address the specific needs and conditions of countries and reflect national sustainable development strategies and priorities, and focus on the countries most in need.

9. We welcome the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and look forward to its signing ceremony on 22 April 2016. We recall the decision 1/CP.22 by which, in accordance with Article 9 of the Paris Agreement, developed countries commit to continue their existing collective mobilization goal through 2025 in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation; we also note that prior to 2025 a new collective quantified goal from a floor of USD 100 billion per year shall be set, taking into account the needs and priorities

of developing countries. We welcome the decision of the Board of the Green Climate Fund (GCF), taken on 6 November 2015, to end its design phase and start the flow of climate finance through the Fund to developing countries.

10. We take note of the "Nairobi Package", adopted at the WTO's 10th Ministerial Conference (Nairobi, Kenya, 15-19 December 2015) which contains a series of six Ministerial Decisions on agriculture, cotton and issues related to LDCs. We reaffirm the right of WTO members to take advantage of the flexibilities in the WTO Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and reaffirm that the TRIPS Agreement does not and should not prevent members from taking measures to protect public health. To this end, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda urged all WTO members that have not yet accepted the amendment of the TRIPS Agreement allowing improved access to affordable medicines for developing countries to do so by the deadline of the end of 2015. We note that the latest WTO General Council decision of 30 November 2015 (document WT/L/965) overwrote the deadline by extending it to 31 December 2017.

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11. **We further reaffirm our resolve to pursue further reforms of the international financial and monetary system.** We further welcome the entry into force of the Proposed Amendment of the Articles of Agreement on Reform of the Executive Board of the IMF and 2010 Quota Increase, **which paves the way for broadening the participation of developing countries in international economic decision-making and norm-setting. The ongoing agenda on international monetary system reform provides an opportunity to broaden and enhance the role of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs). To help developing countries deal with risks from large and volatile capital flows we look forward to reviewing the findings from the IMF's exercise to draw lessons from implementation of its framework to manage capital flows. We remain concerned at the slow pace of reforms to plug regulatory gaps that continue to pose risks to financial stability, in particular addressing the risks created by "too-big-to-fail" financial institutions.**

12. We stress the importance of mobilizing all sources of financial and of non-financial means to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: public and private, domestic and international. We reiterate that each country has primary responsibility for its own economic and social development while recommitting to create an enabling environment. We remain committed to eliminating illicit financial flows, including safe havens, and to scaling up international tax cooperation.

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12bis. In regards to private flows, we recall the need to hold inclusive, open and transparent discussion when developing and adopting guidelines and documentation for the use of public-private partnerships (PPPs) and commit to discuss them as part the Financing for Development follow up process. Guidelines and standards should fully support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We also stress the importance of constructively engaging in negotiations on a legally binding instrument on Transnational Corporations as mandated by the Human Rights Council-approved resolution A/HRC/26/L.22, as a necessary complement to existing voluntary guidelines.

13. We reaffirm our respective ODA commitments, and urge all those that have not met their targets to make additional concrete efforts. We reiterate that the fulfilment of all ODA commitments remains crucial and we call on ODA providers to reaffirm their respective ODA commitments, and urge all those that have not met their targets to make additional concrete efforts. We will continue our efforts to reverse the declining trend of ODA to LDCs, many of whom continue to rely on concessional finance to meet sustainable development needs. We welcome the increased contributions of South-South and Triangular cooperation to poverty eradication and sustainable development. We will continue to hold open, inclusive and transparent discussions on the modernization of the ODA measurement and on the proposed measure of "total official support for sustainable development" and we affirm that any such measure will not dilute commitments already made.

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14. We commit to fully engaging, nationally, regionally and internationally, in ensuring effective follow-up of the financing for development outcomes and all the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We will ensure the engagement of relevant ministries, local authorities, national parliaments, central banks and financial regulators, as well as the major institutional stakeholders (World Bank, IMF, WTO, UNCTAD and UNDP), other international development banks, and other relevant institutions, civil society, academia and the private sector in the financing for development follow-up process.

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14bis. We restate our commitments on data use and capacity-building to that purpose and our call on relevant institutions to strengthen and standardize data on domestic and international resource mobilization and spending. We take note of the work ongoing by the Inter Agency Expert Group (IAEG) on data for the SDGs, and we will strive to inform the work of the UN Statistical Commission as they further develop proposals for indicators to be adopted by member states for the global follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda, particularly on Goal 17.

15. We welcome the launch of the annual Economic and Social Council Forum on Financing for Development Follow-up, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 130, 131 and 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda. We reiterate that the Forum should be the principal forum to comprehensively assess progress, identify obstacles, and challenges to the implementation of the financing for development outcomes, and the delivery of the means of implementation, promote the sharing of lessons learned from experiences at the national and regional levels, address new and emerging topics of relevance to the implementation of this agenda as the need arises, and provide policy recommendations for action by the international community. We further reiterate that participation at the Forum should be broad, reflecting the nature of the AAAA, and that the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the Forum will be fed into the overall follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. The deliberations of the Development Cooperation Forum, according to its mandate, will also be taken into account. Evidence and lessons learned in forums such as the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation will also be considered in a

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