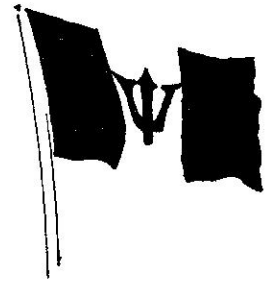




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ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

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ON

**FOCUS AREAS 9 AND 10: "INDUSTRIALISATION AND PROMOTING
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Mr. Co-Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the fourteen (14) Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

CARICOM aligns itself with the statement delivered by Bolivia on behalf of G77 and China.

Mr. Co-Chair,

INDUSTRIALISATION AND PROMOTING EQUALITY BETWEEN NATIONS

With reference to Focus Area 9, CARICOM is of the view that "promoting equality between nations" is a cross-cutting issue and should be integrated throughout the working document as it speaks to the very important matter of differentiation that must be examined as we seek to ensure SDGs which are universally applicable.

On the matter of industrialisation specifically, it is our view that many of the targets are heavily focused on manufacturing and the promotion of a growth model that is not applicable to the national circumstances of many countries, including several within CARICOM. In this regard, targets on industrialisation should be incorporate in the context of the Focus Area 11 - "Sustainable Consumption and Production", Focus Area 7- "Energy" as well as Focus Area 8- Economic Growth, Employment and infrastructure" in a manner which is flexible enough to be applicable to all countries and the various growth models countries have adopted to secure their sustainable development.

With reference to Target A, CARICOM wishes to reiterate its position that micro-enterprises are included in the context of SMEs. Micro-enterprises play an important role in the development of our micro economies.

SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Mr. Co-Chair,

With reference to Focus Area 10, CARICOM wishes to express a concern about the absence of benchmarking.

Target H - "protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage" lack specificity as to how these will be achieved to support sustainable cities and human settlements.

We view Target C - "enhance capacities for integrated urban planning and management" as a Means of Implementation rather than a target.

CARICOM proposes that Target D - "By 2030 improve by X% the energy and resource productivity of economic activities and reduce by y% their waste and emissions per unit of output" from Focus Area 8 entitled "Economic Growth, Employment and Infrastructure" - should be included in this Focus Area on sustainable cities and human settlements.

More generally, several of the targets in focus area 9 are just too vague considering the fundamental importance of the issues for the achievement of sustainable development.

With reference to Target G - "by 2030 enhance social cohesion and personal security, and ensure universal disasters", CARICOM proposes that it be re-framed as follows: "by 2030 ensure that new infrastructure in all cities are accessible and offer opportunities to persons with disabilities".

In closing, we note the absence of ICT and connectivity issues in this Focus Area. We view these issues to be of great importance to sustainable cities given the key role they can play in securing greater social inclusion.

I thank you.