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## Intergovernmental Negotiations Post-2015 Third Session / Goals, Targets, Indicators

## Session on the Way Forward on Mol

STATEMENT BY SWITZERLAND

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Thank you Co-Facilitators,

We are pleased to have the opportunity of this exchange of views to listen to others and share our thoughts on how to make the best possible use out of our **meeting in April**.

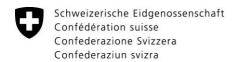
We welcome the fact that the next meeting will be held **back-to-back with the FFD** session and thank the four Co-Facilitators for their close interaction and their common efforts to co-ordinate the two processes. We think this session tackling the relationship between FfD and Post-2015 is important.

Please allow me therefore first a remark on the **substance** of the interrelation between the Post-2015 Agenda and Financing for Development.

As we have stated before, Switzerland considers that the Addis outcome must be an **integral part** of the Post-2015 Agenda. In our view, the Addis Outcome must define the <u>"how"</u> while the SDGs are about the <u>"what"</u>.

The **Monterrey Consensus** called for a new Partnership amongst countries to achieve internationally agreed development goals. In our view, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference on Financing in Addis Ababa must define a **new partnership** to implement the new Sustainable Development Goals. Therefore, we expect that the Addis Ababa Conference should define a **single, comprehensive, holistic, forward-looking implementation framework** to achieve sustainable development.

This implementation framework must therefore include a strategy to mobilize the financial and non-financial means to implement the SDGs. Along these lines, we therefore



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expect that the Addis Ababa Outcome Document will also contain an **ambitious chapter on technology and innovation**. My delegation looks forward to working constructively in this regard with all involved parties.

This means for us concretely that the **third Chapter of the Post-2015 Outcome Docu- ment** must be composed of 2 things: 1) the key principles and deliverables of the Addis
Ababa outcome document as well as 2) Goal 17 on Means of Implementation and the
Global Partnership. Together, these constitute the **strategy** through which we commit to
achieve the SDGs and through which we will also be able to **monitor and review** our collective progress on means of implementation.

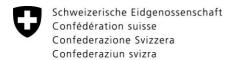
This is the **Swiss view**. However, we would find it very useful to hear from others how they see the **interlinkages between the processes** and what they expect to find in the third chapter of the Outcome Document. Concretely, we therefore think that the **April meeting** should be used to help us build a common understanding on what the third chapter of the Post-2015 Agenda would look like.

Concerning the proposal on **follow-up and review**, we see this discussion as a very important one and one that clearly fits into the scope of our discussions in May. Indeed, we see the **follow-up of FFD** and means of implementation as an integral part of the monitoring and review of the Post-2015 Agenda. The proposal to break apart the discussion on monitoring and review risks creating separate processes to the detriment of the **quality** of the overall accountability mechanism.

We welcome the opportunity to participate in the discussion on Financing for Sustainable Development with the International Financial Institutions on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of April and therefore welcome your proposal to start our meeting a day later. The day missing that week can still be added later in the process.

One final note on **indicators** (since others have also come back to this issue):

As we stated earlier this week, we support both a separate track of work through the UN Statistical Commission and also **openness and transparency** with this process here. In this sense, **one further briefing** could perhaps be useful to our group once the Inter-Agency and Expert Group has started its work, for example in **June**. The Terms of Refer-



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ence of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group should in our view continue to be elaborated by the UN Statistical Commission.

We expect that the Post-2015 Outcome Document should contain an **explicit mandate supporting the roadmap** and the work of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group. This would provide the required political support for the ongoing work of the UN Statistical Commission.

Thank you.