



**Statement by the Republic of Maldives on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States
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Agenda**

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Co-facilitators,

1. The Republic of Maldives has the honour to speak on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States. AOSIS aligns itself with the statement of the G77 and China.
2. We welcome the outcome of Financing for Development and recognize the strides made in providing finance for many of the issues and objectives that we are setting forth in this Agenda. However, we must also recognize that while the FfD and the MoI of the Post 2015 Development Agenda have many inter-linkages, they are not inter-changeable. We want to reiterate that the outcome of FfD is complementary to the means of implementation and not a substitute. We therefore see no particular need for the FFD Outcome to be annexed, as it would be adopted by the General Assembly in its own right and could be addressed through a reference.
3. The importance of the means of implementation cannot be overemphasised. Which is why we are surprised, that there seem to be **no linkage** between the ambitious Agenda we had outlined in Chapter 2, and this chapter: the one that speaks to the actual implementation of the Agenda.
4. We need in this chapter, **strong language that speaks to the commitment** to implementing this Agenda. We note that this paragraph should be the first one under this Chapter (53pre), to highlight our firm resolve and commitment to the SDGs and its realisation. In this regard, we suggest the following paragraph:

“Successful implementation of the SDGs and targets require an ambitious set of means of implementation and a revitalised Global Partnership for Sustainable Development. We therefore, reaffirm our strong commitment to the full implementation of this Agenda, through the delivery of the means of implementation as outlined below in this Agenda. “

5. We need this chapter, to **refer to the Programmes of Action, and reaffirm the commitments** made in those Programmes of Action. We talk often about coherence, and moving away from the silo-approach to development. We see the SAMOA Pathway as the blueprint for the sustainable development of SIDS, and reaffirmation of the commitments made in Samoa would ensure that coherence is achieved. In this regard, we suggest the following paragraph (closely mirrored on paragraph 3 of previous draft, as 53bis)

“We reaffirm our strong commitment to the full implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action, the SAMOA Pathway, Vienna Programme of Action, and the African Union’s Agenda 2063 and the Programme of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD). We recognize the need to support countries in situations of conflict and post-conflict to address their specific challenges and priorities. We also acknowledge the specific challenges facing middle-income countries. “

6. The current formulation of this Chapter in our opinion **lacks balance**, as it doesn’t adequately speak to the broad scope of financial and non-financial means of implementation identified in Goal 17. Time and time again, SIDS have identified the importance of capacity building and data, which are crucial elements for not only the realisation of this Agenda, but to actually review and followup on how much of the Agenda is being realised. And it is important that our commitment to all the Means of Implementation is properly reflected in a balanced manner.

We would strongly urge you to consider language to address the concerns we have raised here. We hope that our proposals will be favourably received.

I thank you.