

Civil society intervention on Section 4 paragraphs 116

Statement delivered by Ms. Maria Bordallo Gil, Advocacy and Development Officer IPPF

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Thank you Mr. Co-Facilitator

My name is Maria Bordallo. I represent the International Planned Parenthood Federation, Western Hemisphere Region, and I am speaking on behalf of the WWG on FFD and the broader CSO group working on FFD

We have suggestions for par 6 and par 8.

We partly welcome wording in para 6 and every other encompassing reference to ensure women's equal rights and their empowerment. However, we do not support the commodification of women as agents to improve profitability and competitiveness of business (as suggested in para 42). Women are subjects of human rights, which requires enabling conditions to ensure all their human rights are fulfilled and guaranteed.

Furthermore, there is no mention of dedicated resources for gender equality and women's empowerment as stated in both the Monterrey Consensus and Doha Declaration, so the language here is regressive.

We suggest that the para reads as it follows

"We reaffirm that gender equality and women's human rights and empowerment are essential to achieve equitable and inclusive sustainable development. We reiterate that gender equality is a basic human right, a fundamental value and an issue of social justice; it is essential for poverty eradication, environmental sustainability and development effectiveness. We commit to respect, protect and fulfil women's human rights and to fulfil our commitments to gender mainstreaming into the formulation and implementation of development policies, including financing for development policies at all levels and in all sectors and we agree to implement policies to ensure women's full



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Statement delivered by Mr. Graham Gordon, Head of Public Policy, CAFOD and Society for International Development

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Thank you Mr. Co-facilitator. My name is Graham Gordon and I am speaking on behalf of CAFOD, the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, and as a part of a broad coalition of civil society organisations (CSOs).

I have concrete suggestions for four specific paragraphs.

In para 7 to keep consistency with the overall document, we suggest that national financing frameworks are renamed national sustainable development financing frameworks. d



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Statement delivered by Ms. Bhumika Muchhala, Senior Policy Analyst, Finance and Development Programme Third World Network

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Co-Facilitators and Member states, thanks for this opportunity to contribute. The opening paragraphs set the tone of the zero draft. There should be an acknowledgement of the the global financial crisis of 2007 and the years of economic recesssiorthat have ensued. The urgency of today's multiple crises, ranging from finance, climate, inequality, food and financialisation, and the implications this has for each chapter and thematic section of the Financing for Development zero draft must be rightfully invoked.

In paragraph 4, additional language to explain how developing countries have been affected by the 2007 crisis is important. Such language could include mention to developing countries being affected by the crisis.

responsibilities shared by all, taking into account different national realities and needs and the differentiated impacts of national policies on global sustainable development prospects redefines the concept of global partnership for development which has always stressed the obligations of developed countries to assist and support developing countries, and to reform the unequal world economic structures and governance that disadvantage developing countries.

The above sentence does not reaffirm developed countries' obligations to developing countries and instead removes the distinction between developed and developing countries through phrases "shared by all" and "differentiated impacts of national policies on global sustainable development prospects"

The erasure of this distinction removes a historical perspective and the historical responsibilities of developed countries. It also removes a distinction between developed and developing countries and changes the definition of the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDR). Therefore this whole line should be deleted and replaced with language that refers to a commitment to enhanced and strengthened global partnership for development which will contribute to the required enabling international economic environment, and which will support and assist developing countries with implementing their national development plans and actions.

Paragraph 11 is a very significant paragraph that commits all countries to a new social compact, comprising social protection and public services. However, to respect the principle of international development cooperation and the Monterrey Consensus outcome, international support for developing countries as part of the means of implementation and global partnership is crucial to include in this paragraph.

Additionally, there can be problems with private funding distorting or skewing internationally agreed goals or the work of international organisations and nationally determined priorities. Therefore a phrase such as "in accordance with international agreed goals and nationally determined priorities" should be added.