

Let me start by congratulating you, Messrs. co-facilitators, on your re-appointment. Please be assured of my delegation's active and constructive participation in the process towards the success of the third Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa.

Until June this year, my delegation argued strongly that the international community would be better off having this conference after the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda to maximize the mobilization of resources. However, now that we have agreed to have it before the 2015 summit, we should do our utmost efforts to have the best possible outcome.

In doing so, we should be mindful of the limited time we have. Compared to the preparation time that was available to Monterrey and Doha, we only have 8 months before concluding the negotiations. Bearing in mind this extremely tight schedule, we urge all member states to avoid duplication of the efforts with other fora.

From this point of view, I thank the co-facilitators for the road map and presentation that clarifies the way ahead. There are a couple of points that I agree in terms of the organization of the informal meetings:

First, as my delegation expressed throughout the negotiation process of the modality, and as the resolution 68/279 clearly states, the whole process should be as open as possible to the participation from IFIs, OECD, WTO, business sector, NGOs and other stakeholders. We welcome the participation and commitments shown by Dr. Mohieldin of the World Bank. I am very grateful to Dr. Mohieldin for very detailed analysis. We are looking forward to your inputs.

Second, we should ensure the effective participation from the capital, including the Ministry of Finance and other experts. Regional consultations will also provide valuable inputs with the wide participation within the region.

Turning to substance, the outcome of this conference should firmly build on Monterrey and Doha with useful inputs from ICESDF report, SDGs OWG report and SG synthesis report. The report of the ICESDF provides us with a valuable analysis as well as a wide range of policy options that are up to member states

to choose from. We believe that this report will be a huge contribution to FfD.

The outcome should address new and emerging issues, taking into account the evolving development cooperation landscape. In doing so, it should capture the whole capital flow, including the international private finance, which has grown dramatically since the time of Monterrey, as well as south-south cooperation and triangular cooperation.

In parallel to the issue of mobilization, we should address how to effectively use all available resources, and how to prepare the ground through policies, enabling environment and global systems. The three dimensions of sustainable development must be addressed in a balanced manner.

I have three comments in the proposed work program. The first one is: in the part of international public finance of section 2, there are four bullet points. The first and second ones are related to international public finance as such, but I do not see a good reason to have a separate bullet point on the environmental and climate financing. In addition, having heard the analysis by Dr. Mohieldin, I have an additional point. Japan is committed to ensuring transparency for climate financing, but the duplication between climate financing and ODA is inevitable. There are various views among the member states on this point, but this matter will be squarely addressed.

Second comment on the proposed work program: the outcome will constitute an important contribution to and support the implementation of the post-2015 agenda, but not limited to it. The outcome document should capture the whole picture to achieve sustainable development rather than speaking to individual development goals. There is a bullet point in the enabling and conducive policy environment of the section 3, which says Key policy reforms to implement individual SDGs. But we are not fully convinced of the necessity to have specific reference to individual SDGs.

The third comment is data. As the United States said, we should have some dedicated time to discuss data issue.

Lastly on the timeframe and themes as proposed by the co-facilitators, we agree with the overall picture. However, if we are to consider "MOI" in a holistic way in

the context of this conference, we should ensure to minimize the duplication of the efforts, as agreed in the resolution 68/279. We must avoid the repetition of the same debate in different processes. In this regard, we call for the close coordination between the CF and those who are in charge of post-2015 process.

My delegation looks forward to a fruitful discussion in the informal processes and our collective work for the best possible outcome.