

Consideration of the draft outcome document of the Conference

**International Development Cooperation**

Wednesday, 12 February

10:00am – 1:00pm

Co-Facilitators,

India aligns itself with the G-77 and urges the developed countries to honour their ODA commitments in a timely manner, ensuring that allocations align with recipient countries' specific needs, development stage and national development plans.

On the text, we propose the following suggestions:

**Paragraph 38**

- In **para 38 (f)**, we would like reporting for **measuring South-South** cooperation to be voluntary, as SDG indicator 17.3.1 already covers Foreign direct investment, official development assistance and South-South cooperation as a proportion of gross national income.
- In **para 38 (g)**, we recommend making a **general call to the MDBs**, allowing them to determine the relevance of the G20 Capital Adequacy Framework Review Recommendations based on their mandates and governance structure, rather than 'working through MDB Executive Boards' as these decisions rest with MDB Executive Boards and Management.
- **Para 38 (h)** may be rephrased as: "We encourage countries willing and legally able to explore **voluntary channeling of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) through MDBs** to strengthen MDBs' financial capacity to support

the SDGs and address global challenges. These instruments should **respect the Reserve Asset character and status of the resulting SDR-denominated claims and ensure their liquidity.** "

- In **para 38 (k)**, we propose the following alternative formulation, aligned with G20 Roadmap towards Better, Bigger and More Effective MDBs: “We will encourage MDBs to **strengthen impact measurement and reporting**, and align it with their updated visions including by promoting alignment of results measurement and management systems across the MDBs and the SDGs.”

#### **Paragraph 39 and 40**

- On paragraph 39, we would like to re-emphasise that **a clear distinction between climate finance and development finance** is essential to prevent the dilution of resources dedicated to sustainable development. We propose to rephrase the last line of chapeau of para 39 as follows:  
  
“We reaffirm the commitments to urge developed countries to continue to take the lead in mobilizing climate finance.”
- We recommend **deleting para 39 (a)** as the commitments on climate finance were intended for developed countries based on the principle of equity and CBDR-RC. **The COP 29 decision** raises a concern as it shifts responsibilities from developed countries to developing countries, which undermines the fundamentals of UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement, diluting the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.
- In **para 39 (b)**, we recommend explicitly mentioning mobilization of grant-based **and** highly concessional finance and non-debt creating instruments **from developed countries**.

- In **para 39 and 40 (b)**, we will propose additional text in our written comments for improving quality, impact and effectiveness of international cooperation by reducing fragmentation and accelerating the untying of aid for more stable and predictable concessional funding.

[In para 39, we propose adding a new point to give a better prelude to the subsequent paras on fragmentation and proliferation of donor funds: “We **advise MDBs to avoid fragmentation of concessional windows** of funding for better utilization of grants/aid/contributions received from donors to enable higher scale and impact of investments of concessional/blended finance instruments and reduce fund administration and transactional costs.”

In para 40 (b), we suggest adding another point (vi) - “We advocate for improving quality, impact and effectiveness of international cooperation by reducing fragmentation and accelerating the untying of aid for more stable and predictable concessional funding.”]

- In para 40 (c), we suggest rewording the sentence to ‘**encourage**’ supporting policy coherence at all levels, **in accordance with country circumstances**.

Thank you.

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