**Response to FfD4 Zero Draft Outcome Document**

**on Effective Development Cooperation**

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8. We reaffirm that the effective, efficient and transparent mobilization and use of resources must be enabled by freedom, human rights and national sovereignty. Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies is integral to creating an enabling environment for sustainable development. We reiterate our commitment to the agreed development cooperation principles: country ownership, focus on results, inclusive development partnerships, and transparency and accountability. We welcome progress and ongoing efforts in implementing these principles to improve delivery, strengthen partnerships for sustainable development, and provide evidence. Rule of law, good governance and sound policies are also crucial at all levels, including anti-corruption measures and safeguarding financial integrity. We commit to developing effective, accountable, and inclusive democratic institutions at the subnational, national and international levels and ensuring responsive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels.

40. Bearing in mind growing fragmentation and increasing transaction costs, there is broad consensus that the development effectiveness agenda needs to be revitalized and its implementation better monitored.

1. We decide to elevate country ownership of development priorities by developing countries, reinforce our focus on results, expand inclusive development partnerships, and enhance transparency and accountability as core tenets of effective development cooperation.
2. We invite development partners to: i) respond to country plans and strategies, and commit to multi-year cooperation agreements that provide stable and predictable funding; ii) strengthen existing national systems rather than establishing parallel systems; iii) streamline and harmonize procedural and policy requirements; and iv) ensure all interventions incorporate effective knowledge transfers, capacity building and resilience building to foster self-reliance. We call on developing countries and development partners to lead in integrating resilience to shocks and measures for disaster management within their own policies and strategies.
3. We commit to support policy coherence at all levels to ensure development partners’ policies strengthen rather than weaken development cooperation, including by: i) adopting a whole-of-government approach in delivering development cooperation, in line with principles of Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development; and ii) reconfirming commitments to untying aid and reducing the number of exemptions, and promoting local procurement, local audit, and the involvement of local actors.
4. We encourage developing countries and development partners to reaffirm existing efforts to promote country action through monitoring evidence, inclusive dialogue and learning, including through Busan Global Partnership Forum and GPEDC monitoring.

41. Rising demands, a proliferation of actors and platforms, as well as changes in allocation and modalities of development cooperation call for strengthening development cooperation architectures at both national and global levels.

1. We will strengthen country-led plans and strategies, such as INFFs, as a basis for engaging with all development partners, and will put in place inclusive country-led national platforms for improved coordination with development partners to support national plans and strategies. These platforms should include all relevant actors – MDBs, other PDBs, the United Nations system, bilateral partners, private sector actors when appropriate, and other partners; and will aim to ensure an efficient and effective division of labour, according to each partner’s comparative advantage and knowledge of the local context.

b) We commit to fully leverage the convening role of the United Nations to strengthen dialogue, coherence and norm-setting in international development cooperation, making the most of existing platforms at the United Nations, including the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) and the Financing for Development (FFD) process, in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders.

c) We resolve to strengthen accountability and follow up as part of the FFD process, including through a strengthened DCF, to:

1. Deepen exchange among providers, including members of the OECD DAC, non-traditional donors, MDBs, and others, as well as between providers and recipients, and to promote coherence in development cooperation. We invite the Secretary-General to convene expert technical discussions focused on issues such as coherent financing of development, climate, and humanitarian needs and appropriate use of delivery modalities in different circumstances, to support this exchange, involving relevant stakeholders.
2. Monitor the delivery, effectiveness and impact of development cooperation in all its forms, drawing on country-owned reporting of data to SDG 17.3.1 as agreed by the United Nations Statistical Commission, on Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (TOSSD), on ODA, on monitoring by the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, and on better evidence of development impact. To this end, we will work towards suitable measures of development impact of all types and modalities of development cooperation, building on ongoing efforts, including by MDBs.
3. Promote learning and sharing of experiences on emerging effectiveness challenges, drawing on the efforts by the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation and its forums, such as Busan Global Partnership Forum and GPEDC High-Level Meeting(HLM), as well as other relevant stakeholders.
4. Enhance accountability of all relevant actors to their commitments - building on all available evidence.