

## **Post-2015 IGN session on declaration 17 to 20 February 2015**

### **Statement on 20th February by Ambassador Riitta Resch, Finland**

Finland aligns herself with the EU statement.

I would like to thank the co-facilitators for the discussion paper which we welcome as a good basis to give a strong political message of the Post-2015 agenda.

A couple of comments in our national capacity.

At the outset we would like the declaration to make clear our mission of poverty eradication and sustainable development and its three dimensions in a balanced manner. These two goals should go hand in hand throughout our agenda. This should be made clear in the beginning of our declaration.

Universality is another transformative issue that we would like to stress at the outset. It makes it clear that whatever comes after affects all of us.

Whenever we talk about economic growth we would like to add to it the respect for planetary boundaries.

Gender equality is also one of the transformative elements of our agenda and deserves a prominent place in the declaration.

We are pleased to see accountability included in the paper.

SG's 6 elements should be considered as useful tools for communication purposes but we think that they should be decoupled from the SDGs and targets in paragraph 11. Switzerland made a useful attempt yesterday how to use these elements and we should continue this kind of thinking process.

We support that some fundamental documents of the UN like the Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and maybe a few others would be cited in the declaration but most of them should be mentioned in the footnote as you propose. That's how we could also avoid citing long passages of different documents and their agreed language and keep the declaration short and concise. We fully support you in this effort.

UN 'fit-for-purpose' should be mentioned more strongly in the declaration as we already mentioned in our previous statement.

We would like to support Mozambique on including peace and security in the declaration. This was also mentioned by us in our previous statement.

Thank you.