

UK Statement for “general views” discussion in Financing for Development Conference 2nd drafting session – April 13

from the European Union

on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

- We would first like to join others in thanking the Secretariat for the excellent discussion. There is much to appreciate in it. However, we do have a few points to make.
 - First, we think the draft could do more to emphasize the importance of policy measures, effective institutions and an enabling environment. These things are at the core of the most effective means of implementation for sustainable development and we think they deserve greater attention in the text.
 - Second, we think the draft could place greater stress on the universality of the agenda, which is a new feature of the High Level Panel of Experts report on financing for development and means that our agenda is shared by all countries and all actors, at national and international level.
 - Third, we think there could be more attention to the challenges for countries affected by conflict and to the linkages between development and humanitarian finance. We see an excellent opportunity through the FFD track to address these and emerging challenges in humanitarian finance in particular and we should take it.

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