

Netherlands Statement - Substantive informal sessions, Preparatory Process for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, 13 November 2014

Distinguished co-facilitators,

I am speaking on behalf of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and would like to align myself with the statements made by the EU.

We would like to thank the co-facilitators for their leadership in this process. We have also greatly appreciated the very interesting contributions by the panels and stakeholder partners.

We would like to present our thinking in two parts, namely on process and on substance.

On process, we would like to stress the importance of coherence between the post-2015 process and these discussions that will lead us to the conference in Addis Ababa, as was noted by many delegations including for example the Solomon Islands yesterday. The Financing for Development process is of fundamental importance for success in the Post-2015 Summit in September 2015. The Addis Ababa conference is key in setting us on the right path towards achieving the post-2015 goals and targets by 2030. We need an outcome out of the Financing for Development process that will fit into the post-2015 framework, both in terms of substance and in terms of structure.

On substance, we would like to underline that a new financing strategy for a global sustainable development agenda should be inclusive, measurable and realistic.

I will proceed to outline a number of concrete steps in the various domains that we have discussed.

Regarding domestic public finance, we will highlight three specific policy initiatives that we are engaged in, that are of particular relevance.

1) Preventing the unintended use of bilateral tax treaties, for example in the context of

2) Reversing the declining trend of ODA to LDCs is a high priority. We therefore remain committed to the UN target to provide 0.15-0.20 GNI to ODA for the LDCs.