

Indicators

Post-2015 Intergovernmental Preparatory Process

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- I align my statement with the statement delivered by the EU and I pleased to add some national remarks.
- Distinguished Co-Facilitators, at the outset let me thank you for your work and for leading us to this point of the negotiations. I would also like to thank the UN Statistical Commission for presenting the Technical Report with preliminary indicators and the roadmap.
- We emphasize the important **role of indicators** and welcome the inclusion of statistical experts into the process of defining indicators at this early stage. We are well aware that the development of indicators should be a technical process which cannot be rushed, and so a sufficient time should be provided for this process. The work on indicators must involve actors from the UN including the UN Task Team as well as other relevant stakeholders.
- The indicators will play a key role in **monitoring of the implementation** of the Post-2015 development agenda. They should be measurable and policy relevant, so further technical work is needed by experts and we need to respect the decision of the UN Statistical Commission.
- The total **number of global indicators** needs to be limited and reduced by selecting indicators that are relevant for targets in a balanced way. We believe that some of these indicators will need new **findings and analysis** as well as additional capacities for their implementations.

- The global indicators need to allow for comparability and aggregation and should be used by all countries.
- We also believe that National Statistical Offices will play an important role at this work, as the global indicators need to be supported by national and regional indicators. The **Statistical Office of Slovakia** takes this process seriously and made contributions to the initial country assessment questionnaire on indicators.
- The Technical Report by the UNSC gives the first overview on possible indicators based on country assessments. Since a limited number of countries participated in the assessment the preliminary indicators can be more optimistic and less realistic. A great deal of work needs to be done in the forthcoming months on the indicators.
- At this stage we need to define the **requirements and new instruments** as well as national capacities needed for establishing a proper statistical monitoring system after 2015. The Statistical Office of Slovakia is aware of the fact that the creation of a new set of indicators will require a new set of responsibility in strengthening the national statistical capacities and data collection.
- The process of creation indicators must be **transparent** and much attention should be paid to the **quality of data** for indicators. The indicators should be easily understood and measurable. They must be built on existing international indicators and avoid duplications.
- Distinguished Co-Facilitators, we would further appreciate your guidance in this process and will stay engaged.
- Thank you for your attention.