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Themes for the Interactive Dialogues

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Co-facilitators

Briefly, Australia wishes to join others who believed agreement had been reached on a text that was not perfect from our point of view but was acceptable – giving its role as guidance – and are disappointed that this may be changing.

We prefer the language on “vulnerable groups” which has been accepted in other fora including Rio+20.