

Japan

Statement on follow up and review

First and foremost, Throughout the discussion of this section, we should keep in mind the agreed function of HLPF in the GA resolution 67/290.

FUR section in the declaration

para 49: in 3rd sentence, the term "responsible" does not quite fit. We would prefer to use the terms in line with para 78 to maintain consistency, such as "has a central role."

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Para 70b: delete "including the MOI", as I explained last week.

Para 70h: the content of this sub paragraph is fully covered by para 72. This is not a principle. We should delete it. In this context, para 50 also has a similar sentence, but with a different listing of country grouping. We can consolidate the listing to para 72 and streamline para 50.

Para 72: "geo-spatial information" should be replaced with "Earth Observation data" which is a more comprehensive concept and useful to the sustainable development. By our definition, Geo-spatial information refers to maps, coordinates, photos, statistics and the like. On the other hand, earth observation data will include, not only the geo-spatial information, but also climate-related information, greenhouse gas, rainfall, wind speed over the ocean etc.

Following para 78, a paragraph is necessary to clearly recognize the integration of FfD-follow up process as an integral part of this Agenda. The language in para 82 is too weak and appear too late in the section to acknowledge this. Alternatively we could support the EU proposal to amend para 68 and 82.

We support the proposal by Mexico to insert an additional paragraph in front of para 78, because we feel it necessary to have an introductory paragraph of the global follow-up section.

In para 79, the second sentence, like EU, we do not support the insertion of policy space in the development of global indicators.

In paragraph 84, we agree with the idea of system wide coherence. However, the paragraph is too prescriptive and might imply duplication of reporting. We would request removing the third sentence "[...] This reporting should be included in the SDG Report."

In Para 86, we do not support asking the SG to prepare a report, because we think that such a process might be very cumbersome. Rather, we would agree with Mexico suggesting that SG should prepare recommendations.

Para 87, we have significant concerns with the phrase in the second line "take all necessary measures" , because it would give the UN entities too broad mandates. Therefore, we support the Canadian proposal to amend this para.