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The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Director of the Division of Sustainable Development-DESA, and to the Co-Chairs of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, has the honor to reiterate herewith some of the most important issues which have been raised by the statement of the Syrian Delegation during the 8th session of the Open Working Group, which took place from 3 to 7 of February 2014, as follows:

1- The importance of insure the full respect all the principles enshrined in the provisions of the International Law and Charter of the United Nations, particularly those related to insuring the sovereignty of Member States and non- interference in their internal affairs. Those principles should be the basis of our discussion of issues related to governance, rule of law, conflict, terrorism and peace. In this context, the Syrian Mission would reaffirms that reforming and enhancing of the International Financial, Economic and Trade systems and agreements, is the most critical in order to achieve our development goals and agendas, and to improve the sustainable development of each states.

2- The necessity of urgent and immediate lifting of all kinds of unilateral economic, financial or trade coercive measures, which imposed, illegally, by certain Member States and Entities against other sovereign Member States. Those measures constitute a flagrant violation of the International Law, the Charter of the United Nations and the Human Rights, especially the Right of Development. Moreover, they impede the full achievement of economic and social development, particularly in developing countries (Para 26 of Rio+20 outcome document 2012).

3- The importance of undertaking further effective measures and actions, in conformity with International Law, to remove the obstacles to the full realization of the right of self-determination of peoples living under colonial and foreign occupation, which continue to adversely affect their economic and social development as well as their environment (Para 27 of Rio+20 outcome document 2012)

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic cordially requests the Secretariat of the Department of Sustainable Development in DESA, and the Co-Chairs of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, to include the abovementioned important issues in the revised Chair's summary of the 8th session of Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, so the summary can be more comprehensive and transparent regarding the real needs of the peoples of the world without any discriminations.

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations avails itself of its opportunity to renew the Secretariat of the Department of Sustainable Development in DESA, and the Co-Chairs of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, the assurances of its highest consideration..

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