

**Interventions by the Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

**On 19 Focus Areas as clustered by the Co-chairs**

**At the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the OWG**

**Cluster Four: Economic Growth; Industrialization; Infrastructure; Energy**

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At the outset, I would like to associate myself with the statement made by Bolivia, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; I would also like to add a few points in my national capacity as following:

- As general points:
  - o We would like to reiterate that there is a need to have a reference to “the right to development” in all such economic focus areas.
  - o There is no doubt that there are certain overlapping among some targets under these focus areas, which might be streamlined. However, we believe that having a standalone goal on each every focus area under this cluster, which are very important for the economic development of countries, is a necessity;
  
- On Focus Area 8: Economic Growth
  - o In the previous version of the Focus Areas, there were a good introduction referring to the international systemic issues including the international financial and economic situation, which is not properly captured in the targeted point;
  - o In this regard, we believe that the in Target a, we must add “at the international level” at the end of the line;
  - o On the same vein, we must add “at the national and international levels” at the end of Target b;
  - o On Data Collection, I would also like to reiterate the necessity of developing a unified method;
  
- On Focus Area 9: Industrialization

- My delegation believes that the issue of “localization of production of tradable goods” should be added to the text and in this regard we propose to add a new target as “Localization of Industrial Productive Capacities for Tradable Goods”;
- On Focus Area 10: infrastructure
  - My delegation proposes to add a new target as “Provision of Infrastructure for the production, transit and consumption of means of energy”;
- And on Focus Area 7: Energy
  - My delegation believes that in terms of technologies the attention should not be paid solely to the “consumption” part of the energy cycle, which encompasses production, transit and consumption (upstream and downstream), therefore we propose Target b to be read as “deployment of cleaner, including environmentally friendly energy technologies at all stages of production, transition and consumption of energy”;
  - On the “phasing out the inefficient fossil fuel subsidies” my delegation believes that we should not be that specific and refer to just fossil fuel subsidies, but to have a general reference to “fuel subsidies” which is a rampant issue among the developed countries. Additionally, even such reference is not the honest reflection of what has been mentioned in para 225 of Rio+20; in the first part of that para is reaffirms the commitments that countries made in this regard, and in the second part of the para it invites the others “to consider rationalizing inefficient fossil fuel subsidies”. Therefore, the point raised in the Rio is just an “invitation”, and just “rationalizing” not phasing out.
  - My last point is that the Targets from f to i would be sub-classified as under Target j (appropriate means of implementation”.

I Thank You Mr. Co-Chair.