

Third Financing for Development Conference

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Statement by the head of South Sudan Delegation delivered

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The President of the Conference

The Secretary – General

Hon. Heads of States

Hon. Ministers

Distinguished Delegates, ladies and gentlemen, all protocol respected.

The Government of South Sudan wishes to extend its appreciation to the United Nations and the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, for convening this third conference on Financing for Development (FfD), to deliberate on this very important subject. This presents my Government with an opportunity to re-emphasise, with my colleagues of the g7+ countries, the need for the international community, to take concrete steps to address the special financing needs of the Fragile and conflict affected countries.

Mr president

In the run-up to this conference, a Draft outcome document of the conference was drawn up by the g7+ countries with the aim of providing some guidance to the discussions that have been taking place since the conference started two days ago. The draft made some effort to highlight pertinent areas that are of concern, to the group of g7+ countries which is made up of Fragile and Conflict Affected States (FCAS).

Mr. President

We in the Government of the Republic of South Sudan, welcome and fully share the analysis presented in the draft document. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to re-emphasise the proposed eight areas of concern to the g7+ countries. These are:

1. To support domestic tax resource mobilization

2. To support domestic natural resource mobilization
3. To leave no Fragile State behind
4. To recognize the need to prioritize peace and state building in Fragile States
5. To mainstream the New Deal Aid Effectiveness principles for FCAS
6. To develop and engage the Private Sector
7. To improve access to Climate Change
8. To do no harm

Mr President

These are the areas that the group of the g7+ countries have adopted; and would like to see implemented with the support of the development partners. This will make “ Financing for Development “ work for Fragile and conflict Affected countries; because it will address their pressing needs. It means Official Development Assistance must continue, but differently this time round. In this way, Fragile and Conflict Affected States will be able to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in Post 2015 Development Agenda.

I hope the conference will adopt these eight points.

Mr President

In conclusion, I would like to say that the government of the Republic of South Sudan, reaffirms its commitment, to ensure that peace and stability is realized in the country; so that there is a conducive environment within which sustainable development can take place, for the welfare of the people of South Sudan and the Nation as a whole.

Mr. President

Distinguished delegates

I thank you for listening.