

Statement by Turkey

Thank you Mr. President.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Government and the people of Ethiopia for their hospitality. Thanks to their warm welcome and excellent organization this Conference has become a memorable event for all of us as well as a successful meeting in a historic year for sustainable development.

We also would like to thank the Permanent Representatives of Norway and Guyana, Ambassador Pedersen and Ambassador Talbot for their leadership and efforts throughout the process. We appreciate the dedication, transparency and constructiveness they displayed during the negotiation sessions in New York.

Addis Ababa sets an important precedent for the UN Summit in September and the Paris COP 21 meeting in December. Organizing this Conference for the first time on the African continent also had a symbolic significance. Now completing Addis Ababa, we will continue in the months to come to establish the framework of the global development agenda for the next 15 years.

Turkey is glad that Addis Ababa Action Agenda offers a comprehensive and transformative approach, capturing different dimensions of the global development agenda.

Mr. President,

Before concluding, we would like to register that the reference made in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which Turkey is not a party to, cannot be construed as a change in the established legal and political position of the Republic of Turkey with regards to the said instrument.

Thank you Mr President.

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