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□ We have always been convinced of UNESCO's a unique and vital role in shaping the Post-2015 global development agenda. That is why we supported and supplemented, through our delegations out here and in New York, UNESCO's informational activities for the Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals, whose Outcome Document was recently adopted by the UN General Assembly earlier this month and will form a basis for the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015. The UNSG will issue a synthesis report based on the document, including the decisions of the 68th UN General Assembly and the report of the Committee on Sustainable Development Financing. This will be followed by intergovernmental negotiations until September 2015, culminating in a Heads of State and Government Summit.

□ UNESCO deserves all the plaudits for getting the goals on Education and Oceans (where it was the designated co-lead with other UN agencies) into the Outcome Document's 17 goals and 169 accompanying targets. This is testament to UNESCO's unwavering efforts under the DG and we have already begun closer coordination with our Government in New Delhi and the Mission in New York to ensure that the concerns raised at UNESCO find a voice in New York.

□ The goals and targets described by the OWG take into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respect national policies and priorities. They build on the foundation laid by the Millennium Development Goals, seek to complete the unfinished business of the Millennium Development Goals and respond to new challenges. There is recognition of differentiated national contexts by providing each Government the freedom to set its own national targets guided by the global level of ambition, but taking into account national circumstances.

□ I have already outlined the task that is cut out for us in Education. Similarly, in Oceans, we need to ensure that IOC retains the capabilities and has the support needed to ensure that it plays a leading role in the implementation of the Oceans goal. And in that it will find an unequivocal partner in India.

Thank you!