

## **Private Sector Statement made during the 4<sup>th</sup> IAEG-SDG Meeting**

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> statement**

I speak on behalf of the private sector. We would like to thank the chair and secretariat for their hard work in ensuring that stakeholders are kept informed and consulted.

We thank the chair and the secretariat for their time this morning in the briefing session for stakeholders. It is very useful for us to have the opportunity for direct interaction and feedback with you.

For the next meeting of the IAEG, we think the kind of 'working session' such as the one this morning on the refinement of selected indicators are valuable. They offer the opportunity to look at some issues in depth. Picking a few topics for discussion at the next meeting where we can have more of an exchange would be a good way to ensure there is value added to having everyone in person.

Much work needs to be done and on the basis that many hands make light work, we would like to re-iterate that the business community is willing to continue to help in the formulation of indicators, and, where appropriate, the provision of data. Continued co-operation and partnership between countries, agencies, civil society and the business sector is essential to complete the important task we have been entrusted with. We must all work together to ensure that the indicators truly reflect the goals and targets of the SDGs.