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Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations

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Dear Ms. Vukovich,

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Sam Kutesa, has appointed us as the Co-Facilitators of the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post 2015 development agenda and we write to you in that capacity.

As you are aware, Member States of the United Nations are keenly interested in the development of indicators to track progress on the achievement of the goals and targets which will be part of the post 2015 development agenda to be adopted at the Summit in the last week of September 2015.

We understand that the Statistical Commission has initiated work on the preparation of an indicator framework, in consultation with Member States and all relevant stakeholders. We are pleased that your work is to be based on the report of the Open Working Group and the ongoing intergovernmental negotiations on the post 2015 development agenda. Coherence and synergies across the various processes impacting on these negotiations will of course be very important.

In the course of our consultations, some Member States have underlined the need for an effective framework of targets and indicators which are specific and measurable and which do not in any way lower the level of ambition as expressed in existing international commitments, standards and agreements. We look forward to the contribution the Commission will make to the task of ensuring that all our targets meet these criteria. We would anticipate a maximum of three to five indicators per target, which would be global and universal in character. Where particular targets do not lend themselves to the development of indicators, we would appreciate hearing this.

The consultations we are co-facilitating have led to agreement on a decision which sets out our programme of work over the coming months. On 19-21 January we will conduct a stocktake of the entire negotiation process. One of the issues which will arise there is the question of indicators. We are also due to have a detailed discussion of Sustainable Development Goals and targets at a meeting on 23-27 March. It would be extremely important from our perspective to have in advance of the latter meeting a proposal from the Commission in relation to indicators, even if this is of a provisional nature. We would be very grateful if the Commission could assist us in this regard, availing of its meeting in early March to provide us with this key input.

We look forward to close contact with the Commission on this and all other issues related to the post 2015 development agenda.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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