

**Preparatory Process for the
Third International Conference on Financing for Development
Second drafting session**

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Intervention by Corina Rodríguez Enríquez, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), the Women's Working Group on Financing for Development (WWG on FfD) and CSO FfD Group at the session on International Public Finance on the zero draft of the Addis Ababa Outcome Document discussion on Section II.C

Thank you Mr Co-Facilitator,

My name is Corina Rodríguez Enríquez, I am part of Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), the Women's Working Group on Financing for Development and the wider CSO group on FfD.

I would like to make three comments.

To start with, we consider that a stronger focus is needed on enabling policy space to develop, drive and implement **national development strategies in an inclusive and democratic way**. Developing countries cannot bear the conditionalities of aid that hijack their policy space to pursue sustainable, equitable and gender-just development patterns.

Therefore we support the reference to full untying aid in **Paragraph 72**. However, **explicit commitment to set up adequate accountability and follow up mechanisms should be added**. Otherwise it will remain rhetoric.

Second, we are also concerned with **Paragraph 58**. There is no evidence to fully endorse blended or pooled financing. On the contrary we consider that ODA **must retain its poverty reduction focus**, it should contribute to the achievement of the SDGs, as well as accelerate full and effective implementation of internationally agreed development agendas. **ODA should support partner countries in developing the necessary institutions to provide public service delivery to the poor** and to effectively manage domestic and international financial resources so as to ensure that they work to reduce inequality. In addition, the work on ODA modernisation and on measuring the Total Official Support for Sustainable Development (**TOSSD**) have to involve all stakeholders on an even footing in terms of establishing priorities, content, development and decision making. This should be clearly stated in the document.

Finally, we are also concerned that **multi-stakeholders partnerships** in specific areas such as health, education and food are included in the draft, in **Paragraphs**

69, 70 and 71. Instead, we consider that States should call for establishing a UN led governance framework of open, transparent, and participatory oversight, monitoring and review of any partnership developed within the framework of the UN. It should set criteria for eligibility and dismissal, taking into account accountability, gender equality, human rights and environmental ex-ante assessment, as well as criteria, including the appropriate safeguards to reduce risk and long-term costs.

Thank you.

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