



**Closing Statement by H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec
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Distinguished guests,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

We have reached the end of today's briefing and I hope that all of you now feel as well informed as I do on the work of the Secretary-General's Task Team and the challenges that lie ahead.

While we are all working hard to accelerate progress towards achieving the MDGs in our last sprint towards 2015, we must bear in mind that 2015 is not the end of the road. Actually, it is just the beginning of the long road ahead of a new kind of development framework.

Many countries have made remarkable progress towards achieving the MDGs, while many others continue to struggle with them. There is still much to be done.

As I mentioned at the outset, the role of ECOSOC in the Rio+20 and post-2015 processes is particularly important given its role and mandate on development. In particular, the Council is well-placed to follow up on the Rio+20 process, due to its ability to integrate the three pillars of sustainable development. Regarding the follow up to the commitments and goals for the post-2015 development agenda, as always, the Council stands ready to facilitate the framing and shaping of the agenda, as well as to follow up on the anticipated sustainable development goals.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Under-Secretary-General Sha and Mr. Jahan for their insights into the thinking of the Secretary General and the UN system on ways how to advance the post-2015 development agenda. We are also grateful to our Committee for Development Policy for distilling the key elements that must be part of our vision for the development agenda that is to come - - one that builds on the successes of the past and enhances the prospects of a better world for all. We will hear

more from the CDP on the post-2015 development agenda during a briefing of the Council during the General Segment on 23 July 2012.

I trust that I can count on all of you to continue to work with the UN System in the final push towards achieving the MDGs, as well as to begin contemplating how to shape the post-2015 development agenda.

Thank you.