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His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA.

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Dear Secretary-General,

Re: The Importance of Transparency and Accountability in the Post-2015 Development Framework

Civil society partners from more than 50 countries congratulate the United Nations' Open Working Group (OWG) on the latest draft of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Given our shared concerns about the need for transparency and accountability to citizens, we strongly endorse the recommended goals and targets that emphasize greater transparency (16.10), public participation (16.7), and accountability (17.18 and 17.19) in development efforts.

In moving towards the final stages of defining the goals and indicators for the post-2015 development framework, we urge you to ensure that transparency, participation and accountability remain at its heart. As the attached briefing shows, there is increasing evidence that budget transparency, expenditure monitoring and accountability are crucial to ensure the framework is adequately funded and achieves its goals.

There are two main ways to ensure this accountability for delivery of the goals:

1. **Include a target guaranteeing full transparency on the government revenues, aid and spending targeted to each of the development goals.** All governments should publish timely, accessible and comprehensive information on these, throughout the budget cycle.
2. **Monitor government spending on each of the goals as part of the "means of implementation."** This will require defining a process for global- and national-level monitoring of government spending targeted towards each goal.

Including these two elements in the post-2015 framework would allow all stakeholders to track country performance in using public resources to support the goals.

We stand ready to help advance these recommendations by galvanizing broad political support from a wide range of countries and civil society organizations, and working with you to develop more specific language for the indicator and monitoring process.

Sincerely,



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