Letter dated 5 August 2015 from the Chargé d’affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference

On behalf of my Government, I have the honour to request that the present letter and its annex, which contains our three reservations and the explanation of our national position expressed at the closing session of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, be included in their entirety in the report of the aforementioned Conference.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

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Chargé d’affaires a.i.
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[Original: Spanish]


I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, and as this is the first time my delegation has taken the floor, I would like to thank and congratulate the co-facilitators, and the Government and people of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia for organizing this historic conference on Financing for Development. I would first like to associate myself with statements made by the Republic of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The second sentence of the first paragraph of the Monterrey Consensus reads as follows: “Our goal is to eradicate poverty, achieve sustained economic growth and promote sustainable development as we advance to a fully inclusive and equitable global economic system”.

During lengthy negotiations at the meeting of the G77 and China and the developed countries, the Plurinational State of Bolivia emphasized this goal as one toward which we are working in our country and at the international level.

Even though we joined the general consensus, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, motivated by the spirit of solidarity that should reign among peoples, would like to record its disagreement with and reservations to the following paragraphs of the document entitled “Addis Ababa Action Agenda”.

Reservations:

Energy Subsidies and Innovative Financing Mechanisms

Bolivia recalls that it will interpret paragraphs 31, 60 and 69 on energy and financing, in accordance with the reservations it expressed to the Rio+20 Declaration.

Interpretations:

We wish to inform the international community that as a developing country, Bolivia will interpret the final sentence of paragraph 5 as follows:

“We further reaffirm all the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, particularly the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.”

The Plurinational State of Bolivia requests that this statement be treated as an integral part of the outcome document and that it be included in the record of this Conference.