

## **MEXICO G20 2012**

### **PREPARATORY MEETING WITH CIVIL SOCIETY - ANGLICAN ALLIANCE REPORT**

**Title:** Run – up to the G2 in Mexico: the Agenda for development

**Place:** Embassy of Mexico in Madrid, Spain

#### **Objective:**

- to facilitate a process of dialogue and interchange with civil society organization in the run-up for the G20
- Share the development priorities of the agenda and their international relevance

#### **Agenda and development**

##### **1. Welcome**

Opening speech of the Mexican ambassador

**Contribution by Lic Miguel Díaz Reynoso**, Liaison Office with civil society organizations from the Secretary of Foreign Relations. Mexico is looking for recommendations, points of view, of civil society organisations in order to transmit them to the negotiators and to influence the outcomes of the summit. The intention is to make the participation of the civil society a normal part of this kind of summit, not the exception.

##### **2. Finances**

**Dr. Hugo Garduño**, from the Secretary of Treasury

The finances track works through working groups of Ministers and deputies, and ministries. They work on the following priorities: Economic stability, recovery, structural reforms – financial regulation, food security and green growth and climate change. The decisions made so far are:

- To promote economic growth
- Develop the plan agreed in Cannes 2011
- Policies of monetary and fiscal coordination
- New element: reports on employment given the high number of jobless people produced by the crisis.
- Financial architecture: more resources (in addition to the usual contributions) have been assigned to the FMI in order to attend and resolve minor crisis in different countries
- Food security: more work towards reduction in volatility of prices and transparency of information
- Green growth: Mexico and the group are not looking for agreement on definitions rather in specific actions and policies that can be implemented in the short term. Likewise, they are promoting “green employment” which should be sustainable
- Working towards a greater coordination of foreign policy

- Mexico is promoting transparency through the publication of all discusses documents and working papers

**Ms Maria Helena Agüero**, Club de Madrid

Call to the Russian government to continue with the inclusion of the green growth in 2013

### **3. Working group on development**

**Lic. Gerardo Bracho**, Mexican Sherpa for development

The working group was agreed at Seoul 2010 with the objective of supporting the development of the poorest countries and to promote structural policies. However, from Seoul the plan was very ambitious and included 9 priorities which have been narrowed to 3 by the Mexican government: food security, infrastructure and green growth. In the area of infrastructure Mexico has emphasised massive urban transport given the rapid urbanisations of cities in developing countries.

Currently the negotiations are in a stalemate because the negotiators do not want to approve the report from the working group that includes the observations of “Busan forum”

### **4. Perspectives on food security**

The working group discussed the implementation of commitments agreed at the “Paris summit 2011” regarding:

- a. Production increase
- b. Market information – transparency
- c. Volatility
- d. Coordination of policies

There have been progresses such as:

- Geomonitoring of agriculture worldwide
- Food reserves with a pilot programme in “Western Africans Countries”
- The platform for risk administration – food security
- Investment in sciences and technology
- Reduction of the gender gap in the agriculture with emphasis in land tenure, technology and access. Using the “index for the empowerment of women in the agriculture”

Agreement in the production of biofuels is not probable

### **5. Disaster Risk Management**

The Alliance questioned officials about the progressing of Mexico’s priority of disaster risk management, and will remain closely engaged in this.