

Her Excellency President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
Press Statement at the Close of the Fourth High Level Panel,
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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Press,
My fellow co-chair and panelists,

Let me begin by extending my gratitude to our host, His Excellency President Yodhoyono, for the warm hospitality and excellent facilities put to our disposal to carry out our work. I would also like to thank members of the Panel for their contributions and hard work during our deliberations.

Today was a turning point in the High Level Panel process. We have reached some very concrete decisions regarding our agenda, building on our meetings in New York, London and Monrovia. In New York, we set out the requirements for a post 2015 framework that would replace the Millennium Development Goals after their expiration. In London, we crystallized the vision and discussed jobs and livelihoods, while in Monrovia, the Panel deliberated on economic transformation and the national building blocks for sustained prosperity. These are all crucial for laying the groundwork for a transformative development agenda.

At this fourth meeting of the Panel, here in Bali, we have managed to put on paper and concretize a vision to lay the ground for a more equitable and sustainable world, free of deprivation and with shared prosperity.

In this meeting we have specifically focused on the theme of Global Partnership and means of implementation.

We acknowledge that realizing any post-2015 agenda will require a broader and more effective coalition of partners, greater policy coherence, new resources, better and more transparent financing instruments, and innovative ways of channeling and maximizing returns on existing capacities and resources.

We have agreed on the necessity to establish a new, more durable partnership framework that involves more actors on the basis of shared principles and differential commitment and where relationships are redefined. It must be grounded in the values of shared humanity and

reciprocity. Furthermore it must be an accountable and transparent partnership. Achieving this new way of working will require a change of mindsets, a redefinition of relationships and decisive actions.

In a few short weeks at the end of May, we will be presenting our report to UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon in New York. The privilege of presenting that report directly to the Secretary General has been offered to President Yudhoyono. We look forward to the end of work, but we know that the enthusiasm and commitment with which panel members are performing their task will certainly go beyond delivery of a report. Building international consensus would be an important part of formulating a post 2015 development framework. That would enable us to secure firm commitments from all stakeholders to do their part for the evolving post 2015 development framework.

Thank you.