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1. Through the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development we aspire to leave no one behind. This has been further underlined by the adoption of the United Nations (UN) sustaining peace resolutions, the World Humanitarian Summit, the Paris Agreement, the Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review, the Global Study on the Implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1325, and related global level outcomes. Conflicts and crises must not prevent us from reaching the poorest and most vulnerable.
2. Reaching the furthest behind first will become harder, as most of the world's poor and vulnerable are increasingly located in fragile and conflict affected contexts. ODA continues to go where no one else will, remaining a vital source of risk tolerant financing for the most difficult but essential investment in the fundamentals of a peaceful society.
3. Noting the intention of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) as outlined in the DAC High Level Meeting Communique to use its convening power to "find coherent ways of collaborating, bringing together diplomatic, humanitarian, development and peacebuilding actors". INCAF commits to working to overcome blockages to greater coherence of actions across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus in fragile contexts. As part of this we recognise the need to advance the New Way of Working agenda with our partners.
4. Providing financing that incentivises change and coherent action is critical to achieving sustainable peace and the 2030 Agenda. We will continue work to finalise the Financing for Stability Guidance. The Guidance will serve as an important tool to promote enhanced engagement between bilateral donors, and international, national, public and private partners on more effective financing strategies in fragile contexts.
5. INCAF welcomes the main messages and emerging policy directions of the United Nations – World Bank Group Report: *'Pathways for Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict'*. The Report raises important questions as to how we work to address grievances, marginalisation and violent extremism as part of our efforts to prevent violent conflicts. INCAF will consider the implications of the Report for our own ways of working, with a view to agreeing on INCAF responses.
6. INCAF remains committed to its flagship 'States of Fragility'. The Report provides compelling evidence that informs Members' policies and programmes, underpins international debates, and ensures that fragility receives the sustained attention it deserves as a critical development issue. This is especially salient as we seek to tailor our engagement to prevent conflict and address the drivers of fragility and vulnerability. We welcome the launch of the next Report at the UN's High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in July 2018.

7. As members of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding, we remain committed to the principles of the New Deal. The New Deal supports the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in fragile contexts, by retaining a focus on the specific challenges faced by fragile states as they aim to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. We highly value the tripartite partnership with the g7+ and civil society, which enhances our ability to implement our collective peacebuilding and prevention commitments.
8. Noting the DAC's new mandate, we will reflect on our own mandate and governance arrangements in 2018. We will also continue to work with other OECD networks such as GenderNet, GovNet and EnviroNet. We would welcome the opportunity to support the DAC more directly as it starts to consider its Programme of Work and Budget for 2019-20, to enable the collective implementation of better policy and practices in fragile and conflict affected contexts, and leave no one behind.
9. Finally, we welcome the United Kingdom and Germany as the new co-chairs, and thank Switzerland and the UN Development Programme for their active and effective steering of INCAF over the last several years.