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Subject: Sustainable Development Goals and European Development Policy

2015 marks the target date of the Millennium Development Goals, which brought about progress on many fronts: the mortality rate amongst mothers and children has fallen (amongst others in Egypt, Libya, Ruanda); the number of deaths caused by malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis has been reduced (amongst others in South Africa, Zimbabwe); and the goal to reduce by half the number of people suffering starvation is becoming achievable. However, there are still many outstanding problems which the international community must face.

For several years, the European Union and the United Nations Organization have been working on establishing the sustainable development goals, i.e. a new framework of measures focusing on poverty in the world and sustainable development in the next few years.

It should be noted that the world has changed since 2000, when the Millennium Development Goals were established. The global challenges of today require a new plan, which will connect the North with the South and the West with the East. According to the forecasts, by 2050 the world population will reach over 9 billion. Thus, the challenges facing the world consist in combining the economic development and improved welfare with sustainable development and environmental needs.

Therefore, I am asking the European Commission what conclusions can be drawn from the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals established in 2000? Also, is a reform of the European Development Policy being planned in connection with the new Sustainable Development Goals?