



STATEMENT BY

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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**INTRODUCTION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION
(A/60/L59) ON THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE
DEVELOPMENT OUTCOME OF THE 2005 WORLD
SUMMIT**

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Distinguished Delegates, Friends,

It is now more than nine months since our leaders adopted the World Summit Outcome. It is high time and gratifying that we now can agree on the effective implementation of the decisions of the Summit in the development area. After all, development was at the heart of the World Summit.

I have emphasized on several occasions that implementation of our commitments in the field of development and the full realization of the Millennium Development Goals remain fundamental tasks for the United Nations. With the adoption of the draft resolution in front of you, A/60/L59, you will, during the 60th session, have taken important steps in all three pillars of the United Nations: development, peace and security and human rights. And we have shown that these pillars are mutually reinforcing.

This resolution is a result of your efforts, of your creative thinking, of your flexibility and of your ability to find possible ways forward. Let me commend you for having set aside your differences to reach an agreement, acceptable to all. This text is yours, and I am proud to endorse it.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the two Co-Chairs Ambassadors Verbeke of Belgium and Diarra of Mali, for steering this process to a successful conclusion. I would like to thank the two facilitators, Paul Lolo of Nigeria and Carlos Ruiz of Mexico, for their tireless efforts to reach compromises and viable formulas.

It is now our responsibility to translate the words of commitments to action in good faith. Let us do so with the somber realities in the world before our

eyes, as well as the millions of people whose lives and future we can and must improve.

Let me conclude by reminding you that we still have to reach an agreement on the resolution on reform of the Economic and Social Council. I had wished that we would have done so before the substantive session of ECOSOC had begun. The time will not allow us to do so.

There are, as you well know, only a few outstanding issues in the resolution. The Co-Chairs will be in touch with you some time after the ECOSOC-session in Geneva in order to come to a conclusion on ECOSOC reform before the end of the 60th session. A strengthened Economic and Social Council is in the interest of all Member States and crucial for the standing of the economic and social issues on the agenda of the United Nations.